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Selvi J JAYALALITHAA
- Hon'ble Chief Minister

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HOME DEPARTMENT

A POLICE FORCE THAT CEASELESSLY PROTECTS THE PEOPLE

Hon’ble Chief Minister
Selvi **J JAYALALITHAA**

Police

- ✶ The Tamil Nadu Uniformed Services Recruitment Board has successfully conducted the selection process for the common recruitment of 12,152 Grade II Police Constables, which is the single largest recruitment in the history of the Board.

- The Government sanctioned Rs. 163 crores in the last two years for improvement of training infrastructure in the Tamil Nadu Police Academy, Police training College, Police recruit schools and 13 in-service training institutions.
- 1,202 number of vehicles were sanctioned to enhance the mobility of the police in the last two years.
- The Government is taking all efforts for achieving 100% housing facilities for police personnel in five years. 49,863 quarters are under occupation and 6,078 number are under construction.
- A unique scheme of constructing 36,000 houses under "Own Your House" scheme for Police, Fire and Rescue Services & Prison Department Personnel was announced in the Legislative Assembly on 3.5.2012, by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. The scheme was launched by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 26.10.2012 for construction of 2,673 houses at Melakottaiyur, at a cost of Rs. 456 crores.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister announced a 13-point set of measures to be implemented in the state for ensuring the safety of women and prevention of crimes against them in an effective manner.
- According high priority for recruitment of women in the Police force, the Government recruited 1,835 women constables in 2012.
- At a cost of Rs. 72 lakhs, Government sanctioned the formation of 36 Out Patient Units for the welfare of Police Personnel and their family members
- At a cost of 82 crores, new buildings for 164 police stations.
- Upgradation of 24 outposts to Police Stations at a cost a Rs.26 crores
- To connect all the police stations and special units in the State with the offices of the higher police officers through computer, Crime and Criminal Tracking Network Scheme (CCTNS) has been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 114 crores. Rs.5 crores has been sanctioned to provide 1,000 new computers .

* Tetra-based modern control rooms have been established at Salem and Tirunelvei at a cost of Rs. 132 lakhs. Installation of Tetra-based modern control rooms at Coimbatore and Madurai at a cost of Rs.4 crores is under progress. Digital-Based Police Radio system has been sanctioned for Police commissionerates at Chennai and Tiruchi at a cost of Rs. 31 crores.
* The Government has enhanced the Insurance coverage of Police Personnel from the level of Police Constable to Additional Superintendent of Police from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakhs.
* Police Canteens were started for the first time in the country to supply essential items for Police Personnel in Tamil Nadu in 2012-2013. These canteens are located at Avadi, Madurai and Tiruchi. The families of more than one lakh Police Personnel benefit from this novel scheme.
* The risk allowance has been raised from Rs. 270 to Rs. 300/- per month. In 2013-2014, this has been further raised to Rs. 400/- per month. Risk allowance for Deputy Superintendents of Police

and Additional Superintendents of Police has been raised from Rs. 315/- to Rs. 350/- per month. This was further raised to Rs. 450/- per month in 2013-2014.

- A sum of Rs. 2 crores is provided to the police Benevolent Fund to enable the families of non-gazetted staff to settle medical bills above the limits laid down in the Medical AID – New Health Insurance Scheme 2012.
- Rice is supplied free of cost. Wheat, sugar, maida and dal are supplied at 50% of the sales price through Public Distribution System outlets for Police Personnel from the rank of Inspector to Police Constables. The expenditure under this scheme is Rs.14 crores annually.
- The feeding charges for sniffer and tracker dogs were enhanced by the Government from Rs. 54/- to Rs. 85/- per day. Their grooming charges were enhanced from Rs. 250/- to Rs. 300/- per month. In 2013-2014, feeding charges have been further enhanced to Rs. 200/- a day.
- The Government has taken special steps to rejuvenate the Home guards by increasing the sanctioned strength from 11,622 to 16,000 and enhancing the Daily allowance from Rs. 65/- to Rs. 150/-. The night duty allowance in Chennai City Commissionerate has also been raised to Rs. 200/- per call out.
- 117 Boys and Girls clubs were formed in the State. In 2012-2013 alone, 400 more clubs have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 3 crores. The annual grant of these clubs has been enhanced from Rs. 66,000/- to Rs. 75,000/- per year.
- The bill providing for the constitution of the Tamil Nadu special Police Youth Brigade was passed in the Legislative Assembly in February 2013. Induction of 10,500 Youth into the Tamil Nadu Special Police Youth Brigade will be taken up 2013-2014.
- In 2012-2013, reconstruction of barracks in Chennai was taken up at a cost of Rs. 3 crores.

Fire and Rescue Services

- ✶ To recognize the acts of gallantry and valour exhibited by the Fire and Rescue Services Personnel,Tamil Nadu Chief Minister's Fire Service Medal (Anna Medal), which carries a monthly allowance of Rs. 500 was awarded to 5 Fire and Rescue Services Personnel during 2012.
- ✶ For acts of exemplary bravery, "Anna bravery Medal" which carries a Gold Medal worth Rs. 5,000 along with a prize amount of Rs.1 lakh was awarded to 5 Fire and Rescue Service Personnel who saved a 3-year-old child from an abandoned bore well of 520 ft depth on 30.9.2012.
- ✶ In order to undertake fire fighting and rescue works effectively in multi-storied buildings, a Skylift 54 metres high was sanctioned at a cost of Rs.6 crores for use in Chennai City.
- ✶ New Fire and Rescue Services Stations Alangulam have been established at Chinna Salem, T.Kallupatti, at a total cost of Rs.2.75 crores.
- ✶ A new Division, with headquarters at Sivaganga has been formed by bifurcating the existing Ramnad-Sivaganga Division, at a cost of Rs.42 lakhs.
- ✶ To enhance firefighting capacity, 4 Small Foam Tenders, 9 Advanced Water Tenders, 8 Mini Water Tenders on Quick Response Vehicles with High Pressure Pumps and 22 sets of hydraulically operated Combi-tools were sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.4.16 crores.
- ✶ To provide complete protection to all fire fighters, procurement of 1,980 sets of Personal Protective equipment was sanctioned at a total cost of Rs.28 crores.
- ✶ Insurance amount to the families of deceased Fire and Rescue Service personnel who died while on duty was enhanced from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakhs in the year 2012-2013.

- Risk allowance enhanced from Rs. 180 to Rs. 400 per month for personnel up to Assistant Divisional Officers and from Rs. 210 to Rs. 450 per month from Divisional Officers.

New Announcements 2013-2014

- In 2012-2013, allocation for Police Department was Rs. 4096.70 crores and in 2013-2014 it has been increased to Rs.4706 crores.·
- 30 Deputy Superintendents of Police will be recruited to strengthen Police management.
- 100 New Advanced Life Support Ambulances will be procured for providing immediate medical assistance to accident victims.·
- Close Circuit Television facilities will be installed in 251 Police Stations at a cost of Rs. 1.75 crores.
- Closed Circuit Television Cameras (CCTVs) will be installed in 2700 locations across Chennai City for continuous surveillance of sensitive areas.
- Mobile CCTVs will be installed in 200 Patrol Vehicles for supervision and monitoring of important events at a cost of Rs. 2 crores.·
- Extension of Closed User Group Scheme to all Police Personnel and concession to their families.
- Gymnasium facilities to be provided in 200 Rural Police Stations.
- Cash prize of Rs. 5 lakhs for winners of Gallantry Medals.
- Installation of Solar powered Units for uninterrupted power supply in 500 Police Stations at a cost of Rs. 20 crores.·
- Coastal Security Group will be strengthened by establishing 30 Marine Police Stations at a cost of Rs. 21.36 crores.
- A residential school will be started at Melakottaiyur for the benefit of "Own Your House" Scheme allottees and Police personnel.
- 100 Breath Analysers will be provided to Chennai Police Commissionerate to check drunken driving at a cost of Rs. 50 lakhs.

- Community Halls for Chennai Police will be constructed for organising social functions and training at a cost of Rs. 6 crores.
- Government Grant to the Tamil Nadu Police Health Fund enhanced to Rs. 2 crores.
- Mobile Counselling Centres in All Women Police Stations will be strengthened at a cost of Rs. 5.70 crores.
- University for Police and Internal Security will be established.· 1000 Two Wheelers will be sanctioned to Chennai City Police for effective patrolling, at a cost of Rs. 4.50 crores.
- Daily feeding charges for Police Personnel enhanced from Rs. 100 to Rs. 200 in Chennai City, and from Rs. 75 to 150 for other areas in the state.
- Child Lifters and Sexual offenders will be detained under Goondas Act.
- A Divisional Fire Office with Headuarters at Ooty in Nilgiris District will be created.
- New Fire and Rescue Services Stations will be established in the expanded Chennai Corporation area at Thuraipakkam, Velachery, Virugambakkam, Maduravoil and Madhavaram at a total cost of Rs. 3.70 crores.
- To engage prisoners in productive activities and enable them to gain skills for rehabilitation after their release, production units like Fly Ash Brick Manufacturing Units at a cost of Rs. 1.52 crores, Hand Made Paper Unit at a cost of Rs. 90 lakhs and Stainless Steel Utensils Manufacturing Units at a cost of Rs. 90 lakhs will be established and Carpentry Units will be modernised at a cost of Rs. 18 lakhs in Central Prisons.

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PUBLIC DEPARTMENT

BRINGING A MOTHER'S TOUCH TO CARING FOR THE PEOPLE

Hon'ble Chief Minister
Selvi **J JAYALALITHAA**

Public (Human Rights) Department

* e-Governance in Monitoring the National Human Rights Commission cases pertaining to Tamil Nadu was implemented.

✶ A New Additional Building was constructed for the State Human Rights Commission at the cost of Rs.3.48 crores and inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister through Video Conferencing on 03.10.2011.

Welfare of Freedom Fighters

✶ Enhancement of Medical Allowance to the Freedom Fighters from Rs.15/- to Rs.100/- and provision of 'A' class facility in Government Hospitals and 'pay ward' facility without payment of any charges in new Hospitals.

✶ Enhancement of Freedom Fighters pension from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.7,000/- and family pension from Rs.2,500/- to 3,500.

✶ Enhancement of Medical Allowance to the Freedom Fighters and their families from Rs.100/- to Rs.500/-.

✶ Enhancement of special pension paid to the descendants of Veerapandia Kattabomman, Maruthupandiar Brothers, Muthuramalinga Vijaya Raghunatha Sethupathy and the descendant of V.O.Chidambaranar from Rs. 1,000/- to Rs. 2,000/-.

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LAWS THAT BRING JOY TO PEOPLE'S LIVES

Hon'ble Speaker of Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly
Thiru **P. Dhanapal**

- ✶ Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly started having its meetings again in the historic Assembly Chamber in Fort St. George from 23-5-2011 onwards.
- ✶ Individual modern lounge rooms with air-conditioning, for male and female Members near Assembly Chamber were inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 8.8.2011.
- ✶ Exclusive modern gym for female members at MLAs Quarters was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 1.2.2012.

- On the eve of the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of the Legislative Assembly, there was a Photo Exhibition tracing the history of the Legislature.
- The Diamond Jubilee of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly was celebrated in a grand manner in the Assembly Chamber on 30-11-2012, under the Chairmanship of His Excellency the Tamil Nadu Governor and in the presence of the Hon'ble Tamil Nadu Chief Minister. His Excellency Thiru Pranab Mukerjee, President of India, participated as a special invitee and spoke on the occasion. He also laid the foundation stone for former Legislators Hostel at Government Estate, Chennai.
- Consequent on the Delimitation of Constituencies, steps have been taken to construct 28 new MLA offices in the districts at a cost of Rs.3.81 crores.
- Copies of documents in connection with Assembly meetings are being sent to Members by e-mail apart from post.
- Locker facilities were provided in the lobbies of the Assembly Chamber for mobile phones of Members and press reporters.
- BSNL Smart Pay phones were installed in and around the Assembly Chamber.
- CCTV cameras were installed at Legislators' Residential Complex at a cost of Rs.11,81,822/- for security reasons.
- Compound wall was constructed around the Legislators Residential Complex at a cost of Rs.19,04,100/-.
- Roads in the Legislators Residential Complex were re-laid with street lights at a cost of Rs.73,34,000/-.
- Members of the Assembly are provided with Laptop/Computer with internet connection and printer. This scheme was inaugurated by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 17.12.2012.
- Under Rule 110 of the Assembly Rules, 98 statements (upto 10.5.2013) were made on various welfare schemes by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the floor of the House.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT

NO NEW TAXES, NO TAX HIKES

Hon'ble Minister for Finance
Thiru **O. PANNEERSELVAM**

- The budget estimate exceeded Rs.1 lakh crores in the past two years.
- The total estimated Revenue receipts have crossed Rs.1 lakh crores.

- The Revenue surplus in the Budget for the year 2013-2014 is Rs.664.06 crores.
- The percentage of Fiscal Deficit to GSDP has been contained at 2.84%.
- The debt to GSDP ratio has been maintained within the norms of 13th Finance Commission.
- State Budget for the year 2013-2014 is presented without levying any additional tax.
- As per the provisions of the Tamil Nadu Fiscal Responsibility Act 2003, the outcomes of the review have been placed before the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.
- Lifetime Family Pension has been extended to the Unmarried/ divorced/ widowed daughters of the pensioners.
- Medical assistance to the employees of Government departments has been enhanced to Rs.4 lakhs under the New Health Insurance Scheme.
- Financial assistance to the family members of deceased pensioners has been enhanced to Rs.35,000/-.
- Orders were issued extending the Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners Family Security Fund Scheme to the State Government Employees permanently absorbed in State Public Sector Undertakings/ Central Public Sector Undertakings/ Autonomous Bodies etc.,
- Festival Advance has been enhanced to Rs.2000/- to all the Tamil Nadu Government Pensioners.
- The "Tamil Nadu Vision 2023" document envisaging an investment of Rs.15,00,000 crores for infrastructure development Tamil Nadu was released by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
- A sum of Rs.1,000 crores has been provided in the Budget Estimates 2012-2013 under Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Development Fund. It

is envisaged that about 20% of the project cost will be funded for bridging any viability gap in implementation of the infrastructure projects under Public Private Partnership.

- New banking Sub-treasuries have been established in 14 Taluk headquarters.
- The family welfare fund enhanced from Rs.25,000 to Rs.35,000.
- Thoothukudi District Treasury building and new buildings for 14 Sub-treasuries have been constructed at a total cost of Rs.9.07 crores.

Planning and Development Department

- Plan outlay for the Annual Plan 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 has been fixed at Rs.53,535 crores.
- Under Western Ghats Development Programme (WGDP), the Union Planning Commission has approved an amount of Rs.22.77 crores for 2011-2012 and Rs.22.84 crores for 2012-13.
- Under the Hill Area Development Programme, the Union Planning Commission has allocated Rs.47.19 crores for 2011-2012 and Rs.47.34 crores for 2012-2013.
- Rs.31 crores has been allocated under 13th Finance Commission Grants to provide accurate data within time limit for State and District Planning at Rs.1 crore for each District.
- The Twelfth Five Year Plan has been projected at an outlay of Rs.2,11,250 crores to achieve Accelerated, Innovative and Inclusive growth during the Plan period with an Average Annual Growth Rate (AAGR) of 11% in the State's Economy.
- State Balanced Growth Fund (SBGF) has been constituted with an initial outlay of Rs.100 crore to address regional disparities in key parameters targeting 100 most backward blocks, backward urban local bodies and backward areas of Corporations.

Public (Estt.I & Leg.) Department

- ✶ The Constituency Allowance payable to the Members of Legislative Assembly has been enhanced from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.10,000/- per mensem. The concessions apply for the Chief Minister, each of the other Ministers, the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, the Leader of the Opposition, the Chief Government Whip and each of the Members of Legislative Assembly.

- ✶ The pension payable to each of the former Members of the Legislative Assembly or of the Legislative Council has been enhanced from Rs.10,000 to Rs.12,000/- per mensem.

- ✶ The Family Pension payable to the family of a deceased Member of the Legislative Assembly or Member of the Legislative Council has been enhanced from Rs. 5,000/- to Rs.6,000/- per mensem.

Public (Elections) Department

- ✶ The Second National Voters Day on 25.1.2012 and the Third National Voters Day on 25.1.2013 were celebrated.

- ✶ During rectification and updating of voters list, 22.07 lakhs petitions were received and names were added to the voters list. According to the final list of voters in Tamil Nadu, the total number of voters is 515.69 lakhs.

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" The State Government is committed to renewing the people's faith in good governance and in a socially just and equitable process of development. "

- Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa

ENERGY DEPARTMENT

LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR AN ENERGY SURPLUS STATE

Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Prohibition and Excise
Thiru **Natham R. Viswanathan**

- ✶ Seminars and Meetings were conducted in all the Districts to create awareness about Energy Conservation among consumers and the general public.
- ✶ Orders were issued for the Procurement of at least Three-Star Rated Electrical Equipment and appliances in Government Offices, Schools, Colleges and Industrial Buildings.
- ✶ To accelerate energy efficiency and give incentives to that end, the Perform, Achieve and Trade (PAT) mechanism has been designed.
- ✶ 595.5 MW of power has been added to the Tamil Nadu grid through TANGEDCO's own projects, the state's share from central generating stations and through joint venture projects.
- ✶ Trial generation of power has commenced in Mettur Thermal Power Project Stage III (600 MW).
- ✶ Trial generation of power has commenced in North Chennai Thermal Power Project Stage II, Unit 2 (600 MW).
- ✶ Trial generation (Joint Venture Project – TNEB-NTPC) of power has commenced in Vallur Unit 2 (500 MW)

- New windmills with a capacity of 1135 MW have been added from June 2011 onwards.
- Government has accorded approval for the establishment of Uppur Thermal Power Project (2X800MW)
- Government has accorded approval for the establishment of 1X800 MW Udangudi Expansion.
- Orders have been issued for Ennore Expansion Power Project of capacity of 660 MW.
- Orders have been issued for replacing the existing Ennore Thermal Power Plant by a 660MW Power Plant.
- Government has approved the development of the Udangudi Super Critical Power Project (2X660MW) under State Sector.
- The Solar Energy Policy of Tamil Nadu projects the State as a Solar hub with the aim of generating 3000MW by the year 2015.
- In the Vision 2023 document, the Energy sector has been given top priority by targeting investments to the tune of Rs.4,50,000 crores.
- 59 Substations have been commissioned. 1847.882 Ckt. Kms of EHT lines have been energized.
- Government Guarantee of Rs.18,493.45 crores has been sanctioned in the process of implementing the Financial Restructuring Plan.
- Government has provided financial assistance of Rs.19,155.35 crores to TANGEDCO.
- New Power Projects at an estimate cost of Rs.31,000 crores.
- One lakh solar powered street lights at a cost of Rs.262.50 crores in village Panchayats.

- Rs. 372.73 crores for rural electrification in the Nilgris, Tirunelveli and Dharmapuri Districts.
- 30 MW power from Bhavani Kattalai Barrage II.
- Short term loan of Rs. 352 crores for Co-generation projects.
- Compact Flourescent Lamps at a cost of Rs.14.62 crores for 14.62 lakh huts at no cost.
- Under Financial Restructuring Plans, 50% of liabilities of TANGEDCO amounting to Rs.12,211 crores will be taken over by State Government.

110 Announcements

- New Power projects at a cost of Rs.16,350 crores.
- 2,000 MW capacity Sillahalla pumped storage hydro-electric project at a cost of Rs.7,000 crores in Nilgiris District.
- 56 Power sub stations and power lines worth Rs.8,000 crores.
- 20,000 new power transmitters at a cost of Rs.500 crores.
- 15,000 km length of new high voltage and low voltage power cable lines at a cost of Rs.850 crores.

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> "Good leaders create a vision, articulate the vision, passionately own the vision, and relentlessly drive it to completion."
>
> - Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa

MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND
WATER SUPPLY DEPARTMENT

WELL-ADMINISTERED CITIES TESTIFY TO GOOD GOVERNANCE

Hon'ble Minister for Municipal Administration,
Rural Development, Law, Courts & Prisons
Thiru **K.P. Munusamy**

- ✶ The Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced two pathbreaking funding schemes for urban Infrastructure development – The Chennai Megacity Development Mission for Chennai and its suburban areas and the Integrated Urban Development Mission for all other Corporations, Municipalities and Town Panchayats during the year 2011.

Commissionerate of Municipal Administration

- In 2011-2012 , under Integrated Urban Development Mission (IUDM) for development of infrastructure facilities such as Water supply, UGSS, Roads, Storm Water drain, Street lights, Solid Waste Management, Parks, Bus Stand Improvement, etc., in 9 Corporations (other than Chennai) and Municipalities, 2446 works were taken up at a cost of Rs.506.48 crores. Out of this, 2335 works were completed. Rs. 500 crores was sanctioned in 2012-13 for 2448 works, out of which 958 works were completed.
- Under Tamil Nadu Urban Road Infrastructure Programme (TURIP) for 2011-12, Rs.200 crores was sanctioned for 1037 works to fix roads damaged due to implementation of UGSS in 6 Corporations and 29 Municipalities for a length of 584 Kms. In 2012-13, 486 Kms of roads damaged in 4 Corporations and 21 Municipalities were taken up at a cost of Rs. 175 crores.
- 1,454.63 kms length of BT Roads using Plastic wastes taken up at a cost of Rs.465.79 crores.
- Under Part–II Scheme for 2011-12, Rs.1.37 crore have been sanctioned as grants for construction of 81 Differently-abled friendly Toilets in 9 Municipal Corporations and all the works have been completed. 38 Desilting Machines and 21 Jet Roding Machine were procured and put to use in 20 ULBs at a cost of Rs.8.68 crores.

Corporation of Chennai

- Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated 'Amma Unavagam', one in each zone and now they are running successfully in all the 200 wards of Chennai Corporation for the benefit of daily wage earners at the subsidized rate of Rs.1 per Idly, Rs.5 per Sambar Rice and Rs.3 per Curd Rice.

- The vision of Hon'ble Chief Minister is to develop Chennai as a World Class City with infrastructure of international standards. To achieve this, the integrated development of roads and solid waste management works was taken up at a cost of Rs.333.27 crores in 2011-2012 and at a cost of Rs.427.01 crores in 2012-2013.
- The Integrated Development of 360 roads for a length of 175.36 km in extended areas of Chennai city was taken up at a cost of Rs.333.27 crores under Chennai Mega City Development Mission in 2011 – 12. In 2012-2013, for the integrated Development of 1189 roads to a length of 280.83 kms in extended areas of Chennai City, Rs.366.23 crores was sanctioned.
- 100 Parks are to be formed in the newly extended areas of Chennai. With the help of an architect, an estimate for Rs. 22.07 Crores was prepared and 32 Parks were completed.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu has allocated subsidy of Rs.1.20 Crores for collection of plastic waste, setting up of collection centres and installation of shredding machine. The shredded plastic waste is being used in relaying roads.

Directorate of Town Panchayats

- Under Integrated Urban Development Mission (IUDM), 5458 works for the development of infrastructure facilities such as Roads, Drains, Water supply, UGSS, Culvert, Streetlights and solid waste Management etc., have been completed at Rs.500 crores.
- In 2012-13, 234 tank Development works in 143 Town Panchayats at an estimated cost of Rs.54.32 crores, 366 road works in 292 Town Panchayats at an estimated cost of Rs.101 crore and 376 Sanitary Complex works in 244 Town Panchayats at an estimated cost of Rs.45.20 crores were taken up under NABARD Scheme.
- Rs.102.12 crores was allocated under TURIP for taking up 468.75 kms of roads in Town Panchayats.
- Rs.101.37 crores has been allocated under Satellite Town Scheme in Sriperumbudur Town Panchayat for Water Supply improvement works, Under Ground Sewerage Scheme and Solid Waste Management works.
- 163 Plastic road works at Rs.38 crores and erection of 15 Shredding Units in Town Panchayats at Rs. 1.20 Crore were taken up under Environmental Protection and Renewable Energy Development Fund.
- During 2011-12 and 2012-13, to eradicate open defecation in Urban Local Bodies, construction of 212 new sanitary complexes and 296 renovation works to existing sanitary complexes have been taken up at a total project cost of Rs.28.13 crores.
- A special programme was implemented for construction of 532 Toilets for Differently Abled persons, at a cost of Rs.9.93 Crore in 503 Town Panchayats.
- Rs.4.53 crores has been allocated for taking up 1,504 works such as renovation of Anganwadis and construction of baby friendly toilets in Town Panchayats; 1,441 such works have been completed.

Chennai Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board

- A 100 mld desalination plant at Nemmeli, constructed at a cost of Rs. 785.75 crores with assistance of Government of India was commissioned by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 22.02.2013.
- Drinking water and sewerage works under Chennai Megacity Development Mission at a cost of Rs.642 crores.
- In 2012 – 13, the Government accorded administrative approval for Rs. 452.77 crores to provide comprehensive water supply schemes to 9 newly added areas to Chennai city, to provide underground sewerage schemes to 4 newly added areas to Chennai city and for procuring machinery to maintain the sewerage system, under Chennai Mega City Development Mission. All the works are in progress.
- The work of plugging 337 outfalls to protect the waterways from pollution caused by untreated sewage was taken up at a cost of Rs.150 crores under 'Infrastructure and Amenities Fund' during the year 2012 -2013.
- The work of laying Transmission main for a length of 22 km from Poonamallee Bypass junction up to Tambaram, benefiting Tambaram, Pallavaram, Pammal areas, has been taken up at a cost of Rs.93.48 crores.
- The construction of 60 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant at Perungudi has been completed at an estimated cost of Rs. 61.19 crores.
- Works have been taken up to provide water supply facilities to Madhavaram area at an estimated cost of Rs.55 crores.
- Works on Second Transmission main from Chembarambakkam Water Treatment plant up to Poonamallee Bypass have been taken up at a cost of Rs.41.35 crores.

- The work of providing water supply to Porur area has been completed at a cost of Rs. 12.94 crores to benefit about 1.30 lakh people.

Tamil Nadu Water Supply and Drainage Board

- Under Rural Water Supply Programme, Water Supply provided to 13,000 Habitations, 6,374 Government Schools, 6,660 Anganvadis and 254 Government Hostels, Check Dams at a cost of Rs.1,632 crores.
- At a cost of Rs.1,632 crores, 1628 check dams have been constructed and water-replinishing pipes laid with State and Central Government funds.
- The Hogenakkal Water Supply and Fluorosis mitigation project is being implemented by the Government to provide safe and potable drinking water to the people of Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri Districts. This project covers 3 Municipalities, 17 Town Panchayats, and 6,755 Rural Habitations in 18 Panchayat Unions at an estimated cost of Rs.1928.80 crores to benefit 29.80 lakh people. 93% of works have been completed.
- Water Supply Schemes to 2 Municipalities and 18 Town Panchayats were completed at an estimated cost of Rs.55.10 crores to benefit a population of 3.89 lakh.
- Underground sewerage schemes to Chinnamanur Municipality, Maraimalai Nagar Municipality and Namakkal Municipality benefiting a population of 1.39 lakh have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.40.50 crores.
- Storm Water drain work to a length of 127.38 km in areas around Chennai at a cost of Rs.217.54 crores.
- LED lamps installed in 131 Urban Local Bodies at a cost of Rs.111.64 crores.

- Under Operation and Maintenance Gap Filling Fund, the construction of Modern gasifier crematoriums in 6 corporations and 20 municipalities taken up at a cost of Rs.12.84 crores.
- To prevent open defecation, Improvement of toilets taken up in Urban areas at a cost of Rs.93.32 crores.

Schemes for 2013-14

- Rs.500 crores allotted for Chennai Mega City Development Mission.
- Rs.750 crores allotted for Integrated Urban Development Mission.
- Special solid waste management fund of Rs.100 crores allotted to finance projects in weak urban local bodies.
- Rs.72.60 crores for toilet improvement works to prevent open defecation in urban areas.
- Rs.103 crores for Improvement of roads in Town Panchayats.
- Rs.1,190.72 crores for drinking water facilities in rural habitations.

110 Announcements

- Additional 150 Million litre capacity desalination plant at Nemmeli at a cost of Rs.1,000 crores. Drinking water needs of Chennai City.
- Drinking water schemes in 14 areas at a cost of Rs.303.78 crores under Chennai Mega City Development Mission.
- Sewerage schemes in 4 added areas of Chennai Corporation at a cost of Rs.121 crores under Chennai Mega City Development Mission.
- Energy Efficient street lamps in extended areas of Chennai City at a cost of Rs.300 crores.

- Under Chennai Mega City Development Mission, 900 integrated road works in the extended areas of Chennai City at a cost of Rs.290 crores.
- Desalination plants of 100 MLD capacity in Ramanathapuram and Tuticorin districts.
- Upgradation of Dindigul and Thanjvur Municipalities as Municipal Corporations.
- Combined water supply schemes in Dindigul, Thanjavur, Coimbatore, Tiruppur, Erode and Tiruchirapalli districts at a cost of Rs.797.69 crores.
- Drinking water schemes in Tirunelveli corporation, Arani, Thiruvathipuram and Periyakulam municipalities at a cost of Rs.227.26 crores.
- Solid Waste Bio Methanation Plants will be provided in 5 corporations and 24 municipalities at a cost of Rs.27 crores to produce electricity.
- Formation of Tamil Nadu Municipalities Accounts Service for maintaining accounts in municipalities.
- Upgradation of Karaikudi and Sivakasi Municipalities as Special Grade Municipalities.

Rural Development and Panchayat

Chief Minister's Solar Powered Green House Scheme

- Under this Scheme, 1,20,000 new green houses have been constructed at an estimated cost of Rs.2160 crores.
- The grant for every green house has been raised from Rs.1.8 lakh to Rs.2.1 lakhs.

Tamil Nadu Village Habitations Improvement (THAI) Scheme

- "Tamil Nadu Village Habitations Improvement (THAI) Scheme", has been taken up for implementation in 43,916 habitations in 4,270 Village Panchayats; 96,508 works have been completed at an estimated cost of Rs.1,430 crores.

Rural Building Maintenance and Renovation Scheme

- 12,796 Integrated Sanitary Complexes for Women have been renovated under this Scheme during the year 2011-12 at an estimated cost of Rs.170 crore. 41,165 OHTs and GLRs were taken up for repair and renovation with an allocation of Rs.175 crore.

Comprehensive School Infrastructure Development Scheme

- An amount of Rs.200 crores has been sanctioned for providing basic infrastructure facilities in the Panchayat Union Primary and Middle Schools in rural areas and 19,655 works have been taken up.

Member of Legislative Assembly Constituency Development Scheme

- ✶ Allocation for each Assembly Constituency has been enhanced from Rs.1.75 crores to Rs.2 crores.
- ✶ Sanction for 30,274 works at a cost of Rs.940 crores.
- ✶ All Anganwadi and Child Welfare Centres to get Gas connection at Rs.6,050/- for every connection.

Self Sufficiency Scheme

- ✶ An allocation of Rs.200 crores under the scheme.
- ✶ A total of 4,150 works have been taken up at a total expenditure of Rs.300 crores with Rs.100 crore contribution from the public.

Solar Energy for Street Lights

- ✶ To reduce maintenance expenditure and to promote the concept of renewable energy in rural areas, Rs.105 crore has been sanctioned for energisation of 40,000 street lights with solar power.

Clean Village Campaign

- ✶ Clean Village Campaign was introduced by this Government in 2003, which brought about a Sanitary Revolution in the State. The Scheme was revived in 2011-12. Under this scheme, 31 Village Panchayats will be selected at the rate of one per district every year and will be given an incentive amount of Rs.5 lakh each. A sum of Rs.3.10 crores has been allocated for this award for two years.

Indira Awaas Yojana

- ✶ Unit cost for IAY house in Tamil Nadu was fixed at Rs.1,20,000/- by increasing the RCC roofing cost from Rs.30,000/- to Rs.55,000/-

by the State Government. Overall, the State Share has increased to Rs.67,500/-.

- At a cost of Rs.2119.63 crores, 2,11,963 houses were built.

Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS)

- A sum of Rs.7,100 crores has been spent and 72.26 crore mandays were generated which includes 59% SC/ST and 83% female workers.

- Daily Wage under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme increased from Rs.132 to Rs.148. The ceiling of 100 days of employment per family has been increased to 150 days.

- Rs.8,708 crores approved under the scheme.

- Additional Works at an estimate of Rs.1,336 crores to mitigate drought in the Cauvery Delta Districts.

- One work for One Panchayat limit relaxed.

- Orders issued to undertake works in lands of SC/ST, small and marginal farmers. This will benefit 1.4 crores farmers.

NABARD-Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF)

- Under NABARD (RIDF), 717 roads works to the length of 1910.23 km at a cost of Rs.343.73 crores.

- Apart from the annual allocation, based on the past performance, NABARD has sanctioned additional funds to the tune of Rs.315 crores for the improvement of 637 roads for a length of 1729.28 km.

BT Roads using Plastic Wastes

- 164 roads for a length of 345.26 kms were taken up at a cost of Rs.29 crores.
- 20 collection-cum processing centres were established at a cost of Rs.80 lakhs to process and recycle waste plastics.

13th Finance Commission Grant

- 1733 works have been taken up for a length of 3,437.98 kms, with an allocation of Rs.294 crores.

Rural Infrastructure Scheme (Roads)

- 2,728 works have been taken up for a length of 2,612.44 kms, with an allocation of Rs.316.67 crores.

State Finance Commission Grant (Upgradation of Non-BT Roads)

- 1,046 road works have been taken up for a length of 1255.64 km, with an allocation of Rs.202 crores.

SCPAR

- 903 works such as Roads, Bridges, Panchayat Union Office Buildings, Panchayat Office Buildings and other infrastructure works have been taken up at a cost of Rs.230.54 crores.

Panchayat Elections 2011

- Ordinary elections to the rural Local Bodies were successfully held in October, 2011 and 1,19,399 newly elected representatives of Panchayat Raj Institutions have assumed office.

Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women

- There are 5,56,311 SHGs formed and maintained through Tamil Nadu Corporation for Development of Women. The total number of

members in these SHGs comes to 85.59 lakhs and their the total savings amounts to Rs.3700 crores. Out of 85.59 lakhs members, till date 5.03 lakhs members have benefited by way of sanction of credit linkage to the tune of Rs.19,658.27 crores.

- 65,000 SHGs have been formed during the year 2011-12 in rural and urban areas.
- Revolving fund subsidy at the rate of Rs.15,000/- each has been released to 22,214 SHGs in rural areas and Rs.10,000/- each is released to 20,000 SHGs in urban areas during the year 2011-12, totalling to 42,214 SHGs.
- Credit linkages through banks have been provided to the tune of Rs.8,061.59 crore for economic development of the SHGs.
- An incentive of Rs.1 lakh is provided for each successfully graded PLF/UNF to encourage the functioning of the Federations. So far, 8000 successfully graded Federations have been given incentive at a cost of Rs.80 crore.
- Youth Skill Training has been imparted to 25,534 youth through reputed training institutions, out of which 7000 were trained under this Skill Voucher Scheme.
- In order to develop the Entrepreneurial skill training among the SHG members, 8,081 women have been trained under EDT programme.
- Cultural competitions have been organized for SHG members at Block and District levels at the cost of Rs.1.6 crores.
- 119 College Bazaars have been conducted in 32 districts for display cum sales of SHG products. Sales made to the tune of Rs.151 crores.
- State level exhibitions of products of SHGs were held to market them. Products worth Rs.1.84 crores were sold.
- To market the products of Self Help Groups at the State, National

and International levels, a State distribution and marketing organisation will be created which will coordinate with the district level distribution and marketing organisations functioning at present.

- ✶ Government have approved the Brand name Mathi with logo and Monogram. MoU has been entered with TANSTIA for registration of Brand name and Logo for SHG products.
- ✶ During the year 2012-13, e-commerce portal Mathi Bazaar is being created for online marketing of SHG products.
- ✶ During the year 2012 – 13, Award has been instituted for Self Help Groups for exemplary acts of courage against social evils. Cash award of Rs. 1,00,000/- lakh each to 5 SHGs at state level is being given to encourage the SHGs which fight against social evils.
- ✶ During the year 2012 – 13, Award has been instituted to 30 PLFs with 100% literate members at State Level @ Rs. 50,000/- each.
- ✶ 65,000 new SHGs in Rural and Urban areas.
- ✶ 150 Urban Neighbourhood Federations have been provided incentive of Rs.1.50 crores at a cost of Rs.1 lakh each.
- ✶ Under "One Village – One Product" – principle, 151 Economic Activity Clusters identified on an experimental basis.

- To improve the sale of products of women SHGs at Chennai "Magalir Mela 2012" was held.

Implementation of TNSRLM

- Annual Action Plan for 2012-13 was submitted for Rs.246.72 crores for NRLM and NRLP including Skills and Placement proposal and has been approved. Its implementation has been approved by the Grama Sabha on 15.08.2012 in all the 2,323 Village Panchayats of 15 Phase I Districts.
- Cluster level economic activities, have been identified in financial year 2012-13, to improve quality and marketing of SHG products. 150 pilot clusters have identified under One Village-One Product and Rs. 10.75 Crores has been released to the Districts to develop these clusters.

Environment Protection and Renewable Energy Fund

- Plastic waste for used and roads laid to a length of 1,254.50 kms. at a cost of Rs.153.25 crores.

Panchayat Welfare

- Orientation training and Computer training was given to 1,19,399 and 1,116 Panchayat Raj functionaries.
- 45 Panchayat Union Office Buildings have been constructed at a cost of Rs.75.86 crores.
- 416 Panchayat Office Buildings have been constructed at a cost of Rs.33.41 crores.

Pudhu Vazhvu Thittam

- Pudhu Vaazhvu Project has been extended to 10 districts additionally covering 50 backward blocks and 1661 Village Panchayats at an estimated cost Rs.950 crores.

- Communication campaign has been launched at the estimated cost of Rs.8.36 crores in the 10 districts additionally taken up.

- Target population has been identified through Participatory Identification of Poor (PIP) in the 1,568 Village Panchayats and approval of Grama Sabha obtained.

- Village Poverty Reduction Committees (VPRCs) have been formed in 1,721 Village Panchayats and training given on Module I.

- 4,634 Women Self Help Groups, 3,394 Self Help Groups for differently abled and 32 Tribal Self Help Groups have been formed.

- 6,273 Community Self Help Groups Trainers (CSTs) and Community Differently abled Facilitators (CDFs) have been given training.

- Computers have been supplied to 2,443 Village Panchayats and 12,215 Community Professionals / Book keepers have been given training in accounting software

- A sum of Rs. 95.06 crores has been released as first installment grant to 1,702 Village Poverty Reduction Committees (VPRCs).

Achievements of Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme

- Construction of 12,053 houses completed at an estimate of Rs.468.31 crores.

- Evacuation routes with signages along the coastal areas to provide easy escape to safer shelters in times of emergency, taken up for a length of 45 kms at a cost of Rs.25 crores.

- Reconstruction of 14,349 houses which are vulnerable in 11 Coastal districts.

IFAD assisted Post Tsunami Sustainable Livelihoods Propramme

- ✶ 490 Community Infrastructure works at a cost of Rs.20.83 crore have been completed. To augment fishery resources, artificial reefs in 6 districts.
- ✶ Community Exchange visits for 6,449 beneficiaries.

Rural Finance and Risk Transfer Instruments

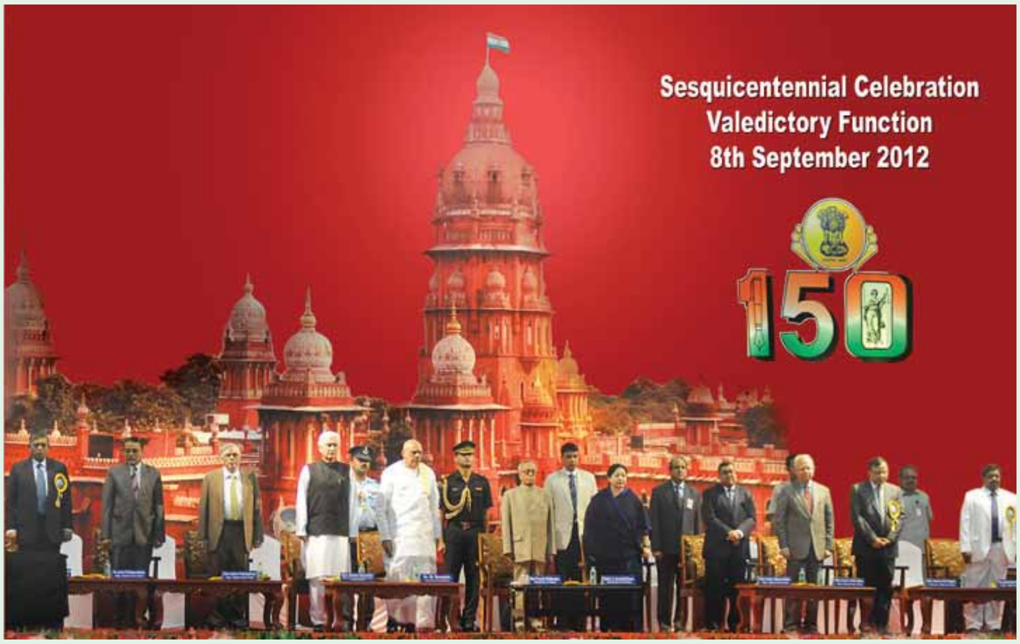
- ✶ 199 Micro Enterprises developed at a total project cost of Rs.4.80 crore with beneficiaries' contribution.
- ✶ Handholding support to Dairy, Mango Sub sector is in progress in Cuddalore and Nagapattinam Districts at a cost of Rs.77.53 lakh; 1750 beneficiaries are covered.
- ✶ Establishment of one Boatyard and one mechanized boat repair centre in Nagapattinam District.

Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihoods Mission

- ✶ Poverty Alleviation initiatives under Tamil Nadu State Rural Livelihoods Mission at Rs.180.74 crores.

Schemes for 2013-2014

- ✶ Solid Waste Management system with recycling and waste disposal facilities will be created in all villages.
- ✶ The villages adjoining urban areas will be part of the Solid Waste Management projects implemented in urban areas.
- ✶ Rs.150 crore allotted to implement solid waste management including expenses for collecting and handling.



* 16,726 Sanitary Workers will be appointed in all villages to improve solid waste management.

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* Creation of Solid and Liquid Waste Management Projects at an estimate of Rs.100 crores.
* 16,726 additional posts of sanitary workers in village panchayats at an expenditure of Rs.41.81 crores.
* Solar energy in 50 Panchayat Union offices and 500 Village Panchayat offices at an estimate of Rs.9 crores.

Law

* Rs. 9 lakhs grant for 12 students studying in Chennai Dr.Ambedkar Government Law College and Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, who participated in international Moot Court competitions at Hong Kong and Vienna.
* Rs.1 lakh each for 5 students who participated in Philip C.Jessup International Moot Court competition in March 2012 in the USA.

- Rs.1 lakh allotted for reimbursement of Tuition fee for first generation graduates studying Law.
- National Law School in Naavalur Kuttapattu at Srirangam Taluk at an estimate of Rs.75 crores.
- Government order based on guidelines for issue of no objection certificate for setting up private self financing Law Colleges.
- Rs.10.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for the purchase of Computers, Printers and other accessories to Law Department under the Part II Schemes for the year 2012-2013.
- Rs.9.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for Providing cabins to the section of Law Department under the Part II Schemes for the year 2012-2013.
- Rs.56.20 lakhs has been sanctioned for the construction of second floor for the Women's Hostel, Moot Court Hall and Additional Cycle Stand for the Government Law College, Tiruchirappalli under the Part-II Scheme for the year 2012-13.
- Rs.14.00 lakhs has been sanctioned for the purchase of books to the Library in the Government Law Colleges under the Part-II Scheme for the year 2012-13.
- Rs.9.50 lakhs has been sanctioned for the purchase of Computers, accessories and softwares for the Directorate of Legal Studies under the Part-II Scheme for the year 2012-13.
- Rs.1.30 lakhs has been sanctioned for the purchase of Water Coolers for the Government Law Colleges at Chengalpet and Vellore under the Part-II Scheme for the year 2012-13.
- Rs.20.00 lakhs has been sanctioned to the Tamil Nadu Dr.Ambedkar Law University for the purchase of computers with accessories,

laptops, printers, photo copier machines, fax machines, etc. under Part-II Schemes for the year 2012-13.

Prison

- Posts of 672 Grade-I Wardens, 349 Chief Head Wardens and 95 Assistant Jailors have been created at a cost of Rs. 2.07 crores per annum. 1,116 prison personnel have been promoted.
- Rs. 45 lakhs has been sanctioned for setting up a Bakery Unit in Central prison-I, Puzhal and the work is in progress.

Courts

- The Financial assistance given to the legal heirs/nominees of the deceased Advocates, paid from the Tamil Nadu Advocates Welfare Fund, has been enhanced from Rs. 2 lakhs to Rs. 5.25 lakhs.
- A sum of Rs. 4 crore per annum was sanctioned as Government grant to the Tamil Nadu Advocates Welfare Fund.
- 172 candidates were appointed as Civil Judges through direct recruitment.
- A separate Litigation Policy has been formulated for the State reflecting its resolve to bring about a visible and endeavoring qualitative and quantitative improvement in the manner in which Litigation is perceived, managed and conducted.
- A sum of Rs. 162.13 crores has been sanctioned for construction of Court buildings, residential quarters and creation of other infrastructure facilities for judiciary.

PERSONNEL AND ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS DEPARTMENT

- All India Civil Services Coaching Centre with modern facilities, built on Greenways Road, Chennai at a cost of Rs.10.14 crores

was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 12.10.2012. It has up-to-date facilities.

- Rs.36.24 crores was sanctioned for modernizing the Government Officials Training Centre at Bhavanisagar in Erode district.

Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission

- Online Application system has been introduced for Tamil Nadu Public Service Examination.
- To prevent malpractices in the examination hall, web-camera / videography has been set up.
- One Time Registration Facility has been introduced.
- A 6 storey building at Park Town in Chennai, built at a cost of Rs.19.86 crores was opened for the use of TNPSC by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 27.09.2012.
- 27,541 persons were recruited by TNPSC in 2012.
- The Commission has released 10,105 vacant posts for the annual recruitment planner for 2013 - 2014.
- Computer-Based Test was introduced by TNPSC.
- For the effective functioning of the 11 District Inspection Cells, 11 new Jeeps at a cost of Rs. 85 lakhs were provided.
- At a cost of Rs. 7.90 lakhs, New Computers, Printers (Duplex) and U.P.S. (Battery) were provided.
- Maternity leave admissible to married women Government servants is enhanced from 90 days to 180 days.

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HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

HOMES FOR THE POOR, A THRUST FOR URBAN WELL-BEING

Hon'ble Minister for Housing and Urban Development
Thiru **R. Vaithilingam**

TAMILNADU HOUSING BOARD

- ✶ TNHB has completed 4,970 Units at a cost of Rs 275 crores.
- ✶ Works are in progress for 6,922 units at a cost of Rs.811.60 crores.
- ✶ 25,690 sale deeds were issued to allottees.
- ✶ 11.37 acres of encroached land worth about Rs.91.76 crores has been recovered after eviction.

* 4,166 allottees have benefited under interest waiver scheme.

CHENNAI METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

* A neighbourhood scheme is planned with 300 Residential plots and 20 other plots on 20 acres of land in Edayanchavadi Village near Manali, Chennai City. The Layout for the proposal has been approved and development works have commenced at an estimated cost of Rs.19.74 crores.

* Development of truck parking yard at Manjampakkam has been taken up in about 12 acres at an estimated cost of Rs.20 Crore to accommodate 400 container trucks.

* Development of Industrial layouts at Chithamanur Village in Maraimalai Nagar has been taken up on 32.26 acres accommodating 30 industrial plots. Development works have commenced at an estimated cost of Rs.14 crores.

* Construction of Food grain Market within Koyambedu Wholesale Market Complex on 14.43 acres with 492 shops has been taken up at a cost of about Rs.128.41 crores.

* Conceptual plan for re-development of Chennai Contract Carriage Bus Terminal (CCCBT) on 15.01 acres has been taken up.

* An Automated Planning Permission Application Scrutiny System (APPAS) for the scrutiny of plans is being implemented from 01.11.2012

* Order issued in February 2012 for implementing scrutiny of Planning Permission Application (PPA).

* 452 Completion Certificates were issued.

- ✶ 39 unauthorized and ‘deviated’ buildings were locked and sealed.
- ✶ With the objective of completing a rail loop, the MRTS Phase II project has been extended from Velachery to St. Thomas Mount Railway Station for a distance of 5 km at an estimated cost of Rs.495.74 crores. The cumulative expenditure of Rs.106.32 crores has been made on the MRTC project.

TAMIL NADU SLUM CLEARANCE BOARD

- ✶ 6,815 apartments/houses were built for Tsunami affected people at a cost of Rs.303.42 crores.
- ✶ Under Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package, 523 houses were constructed at a cost of Rs.18.93 crores in tsunami vulnerable areas.
- ✶ Rs.300 crores has been approved for the construction of 6,435 storeyed tenements and repairs and renewal works in Chennai and other towns; 1,000 tenements have been completed.
- ✶ The construction of 12,000 tenements at a cost of Rs.540 crores in South Chennai under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission have been completed. 13,468 tenements at a cost of Rs.920 crores are being built.
- ✶ It is proposed to construct 1 lakh houses at a cost of Rs.7,500 crores under ‘slum free city programme’ of Rajiv Awas Yojana. Survey work in 10 cities and towns have started.
- ✶ The construction of 108 tenements at a cost of Rs.3.16 crores at Sulur in Coimbatore and the construction of 400 tenements at a cost of Rs.10.50 crores at Erumapalayam in Salem have been completed.

- ✶ 25,468 tenements to be built for Chennai slum dwellers families at cost of Rs.1,460 crores.
- ✶ 4,404 Sale deeds have been issued for 2,112 tenements and 2,292 plots.
- ✶ Dilapidated tenements were demolished and 100 new tenements at B.S.Moorthy Nagar and 150 tenements at Vyasarpadi were constructed at a cost of Rs.9.02 crores.
- ✶ Skill Development Training has been imparted to 8,345 persons.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

- ✶ The grant for each town under Heritage Town Development Programme has been increased from Rs.50 lakhs to Rs.1 crore.
- ✶ Rs. 2.10 crores has been released to 6 heritage towns.
- ✶ The grant amount under Traffic improvement programme has been increased to Rs.1 crore for each Corporation and Rs.50 lakhs for each Municipality.
- ✶ Grant amount of Rs.94 lakh was released to 8 municipalities.
- ✶ For 19 Municipalities and 4 Corporations, Rs.3.29 crores was released under Traffic improvement programme.
- ✶ Under park improvement programme, the grant amount was enhanced to Rs.10 lakhs.
- ✶ For works to improve parks in 11 places, a grant of Rs. 26.67 lakhs was released.
- ✶ An amount of Rs.33.625 crores was released for improvement of Koyambedu Wholesale market complex.

- Notification of expansion of Kancheepuram/Tiruppur Local Planning Authority area, Hosur New Town Development Area. Works have been taken up.

- Government orders were issued notifying the conversion of Single local planning Area such as Kovilpatti, Rajapalayam, Gobichettipalayam, Dharmapuri, Keezhakarai, Kayalpattinam & Vikramasingapuram into Composite local planning areas.

- Government has approved the Mallamapuram New Town Development Master Plan.

- Government has issued orders to prepare the existing land use maps using modern techniques at a total cost of Rs.41 crores. In the first phase, an area of 8,447 Sq.km has been taken up and the work entrusted to Bharathidasan University at a cost of Rs.4.91 crores.

- 100 Detailed Development Plans/micro level Plans were taken up and completed.

- Under the programme of implementation of e-governance, Rs.2.20 crores was allotted from 'Infrastructure and amenities charges fund'. This is for implementing 'Web-based plan scrutiny system' based on Development Control Regulations, for 11 local planning Authorities, Mamallapuram New Town Development Authority and Chengalpattu Region office.

- Government has issued guidelines under section 113-C of Town and Country Planning Act 1971.

CO-OPERATIVE HOUSING

- Rs.105.98 crores was collected from members of Co-operative Housing Societies.

- Under penal interest waiver scheme, the LIG, MIG & HIG beneficiaries were respectively given 75%, 50% & 25% interest waiver along with 100% Penal interest waiver. Under this scheme Rs. 354.44 crores was collected and 34,863 persons benefited to the tune Rs. 317.06 crores.

- Allocation for differently abled persons increased from 1% to 3%.

Schemes for 2013-2014

- An integrated satellite town in an area of 593.72 acres in Thoppur and Uchampatti villages, Madurai.This satellite town will have 19,500 plots. 14,300 plots will be allotted to lower income groups 2,500 plots to middle income group, 750 plots to high income group and 1,950 plots to economically weaker sections. Infrastructure work will be taken up at an estimate of Rs.120 crores.

- Construction of 1,500 multi-storeyed 10 floor tenements using pre-fabricated structures in Sholinganallur near Chennai at an estimate of Rs.612 crores.

- 1,630 individual houses, 2,792 multi-storeyed tenements and development of 32 plots in 9 districts at an estimate of Rs.918.45 crores.

- 844 multi-storeyed tenements in an area of 13.95 acres at an estimate of Rs.371.05 crores in 7 places around Chennai.

- 1,500 multi-storeyed tenements in an area of 22.975 acres and development of 32 plots in two places in Kancheepuram - Rs.303.80 crores.

- 344 multi-storeyed tenements in an area of 3.95 acres in two places in Coimbatore - Rs.50.16 crores.

- 468 multi-storeyed tenements in an area of 12.3 acres in two places in Erode -Rs.59.27 crores.
- 722 houses in an area of 32.87 acres in three places in Virudhunagar - Rs.73.10 crores.
- 104 multi-storeyed tenements and 27 houses in an area of 3.12 acres in two places in Tiruchi - Rs.25.92 crores.
- 413 multi-storeyed tenements and houses in an area of 48.275 acres in the districts of Salem, Krishnagiri and Dindigul - Rs.35.15 crores.
- 3,500 new multi-storeyed tenements will be constructed after demolishing 3,500 dilapidated tenements constructed by Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board in Chennai and other districts - Rs.280 crore.
- Construction of 18,055 slum tenements by TNSCB and 50,000 houses by TNHB / TNSCB.
- Construction of 5,954 houses through Housing Board - Rs.1,530.45 crore.

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- New Moffusil Bus Terminus to be constructed near Vandalur Railway Station at Vandalur-Wallajabad State Highways.

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MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES DEPARTMENT

SPECIAL PLANS TO BOOST SMALL INDUSTRIES

Hon'ble Minister for Rural Industries
Thiru **P. Mohan**

- A sum of Rs. 17.20 crores was sanctioned as Support Price of Rs. 2/- per kg for the green leaf tea procured from the small tea growers of 15 Industrial Co-operative Tea Factories in Nilgiris District.
- Enhancement of upper limit of generator subsidy from Rs.1.5 lakhs to Rs.5 lakhs.

- A new District Industries Centre for Ariyalur District.
- Construction of a Training complex for the Entrepreneurship Development Institute (EDI) at a cost of Rs.4.88 crores at Guindy, Chennai.
- Unemployed youth employment generation subsidy to the tune of Rs.28.14 crores.
- Purchase of machinery and equipment under Modernisation and Upgradation scheme to the Industrial Co-operative Tea Factories at a cost of Rs.5.46 crores.
- Electrical Testing Laboratory, Kakkalur, Tiruvallur District upgraded at a cost of Rs.63 lakhs.
- Revamping of District Industries Centres at a cost of Rs. 50 crores.
- Common Facility Centres, under MSE-CDP Scheme for 18 projects at a cost of Rs.5.76 crores as grant.
- Infrastructure facilities of the Industrial Estates at Kakkalur and Perungudi at a cost of Rs.1 crore.
- New scheme "New Entrepreneur-cum-Enterprise Development Scheme (NEEDS)" formulated to assist educated youth at Rs.100 crores. 25% of the project cost as subsidy and 50% of the allocation for women beneficiaries.
- A sum of Rs.110 crores as capital subsidy, Rs.12 crores as LTPT subsidy, Rs.31.48 crores Generator subsidy and Rs.6 crores for value added tax subsidy have been allocated.
- Establishment of 15 New Industrial Estates through SIDCO
- Identification of 50 Small Industrial clusters under Cluster Development Programmes.
- A separate Industrial Estate to accommodate the Truck Body Building Units near Namakkal under joint venture mode by Tamil Nadu Small Industries Development Corporation Ltd. Project at a cost of Rs.13.68 crores.

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SOCIAL WELFARE AND NUTRITIOUS NOON MEAL PROGRAMME

A MOVING CONCERN FOR PEOPLE'S WELFARE

Hon'ble Minister for Social Welfare and Nutrious Noon Meal Programme
Tmt. **B. Valarmathi**

- ✶ Marriage assistance of Rs.447 crores to 1.79 lakh educated poor girls at Rs.25,000 each, along with 714.44 kg of gold for making "Thirumangalyam" at 4 gm of gold each. Further, Marriage Assistance under Old Scheme of Rs.144.65 crores to 61,766 poor girls at Rs.25,000 each.

* Marriage assistance of Rs.366 crores to 73, 240 poor graduate/ diploma women at Rs.50,000 each. 292.96 kg of gold for making Thirumangalyam at 4 gm of gold each.

* 51 Transgender Self Help Groups have been sanctioned with various projects worth Rs.2.20 crores involving 25% subsidy of Rs.55 lakhs.

* Under the Financial assistance scheme for the ex-inmates of 7 Service homes and 27 Children Homes to pursue higher education, 167 girl students have benefited and Rs.52.30 lakhs has been spent.

* Under Chief Minister's Girl Child Protection Scheme, so far 13,457 girl children have benefited. The Scheme has been extended to Sri Lankan Tamils residing in camps in Tamil Nadu and 36 girl children in the camps have benefited under the scheme.

* The Cradle Baby Scheme has been extended at a cost of Rs. 34.20 lakhs to 5 more Districts viz., Tiruvannamalai, Cuddalore, Villupuram, Perambalur and Ariyalur. So far, 59 babies have been saved.

* Monthly Pension under various Social Security Pension Schemes has been enhanced from Rs.500/- to Rs 1,000/-; 31 lakh beneficiaries are getting the above enhanced pension at a cost of Rs. 6,029 crores.

* The Scheme of Disbursement of Social Security Pension using Bio-metric enabled Smart Cards has been introduced as pilot project and it has been extended.

* The Government has issued orders extending the Social Security Pension Scheme to Sri Lankan Tamils living in the refugee camps. 4,416 eligible Sri Lankan Tamils are getting Pension of Rs.1,000/- per month.

- The Government has issued orders to lower the age limit from 65 to 60 years under the Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme.
- 10,880 Anganwadi Centres were repaired and renovated at a cost of Rs.57.98 crores.
- Rs.3.88 crores allocated for building toilets for children in 2,549 Anganwadi centres.
- 3,023 buildings were built on lands acquired for 6,114 Anganwadi Centres at a cost of Rs.1.59 crores.
- Under modernization scheme, 3,232 Anganwadi centres are being provided with gas connection, gas stove, cooker at a total value of Rs.2.12 crores. Under regular scheme 2,370 anganwadi centres are to be provided with gas connection, gas stove, pressure cooker and kitchen platform at an estimated cost of Rs.1.43 crore under MLACDS.
- Steel storage bins have been provided to 2,200 Anganwadi centres at a total cost of Rs.26.40 lakhs. Order has been issued for procurement and supply of 13,600 stainless steel storage containers to 6800 AWCs at Rs.800/- per container. A sum of Rs.1.09 crores has been allotted for implementing the scheme.
- 2,000 Anganwadi Centres are uniformly colour washed at Rs.2,000 per Centre. A sum of Rs.40 lakhs has been sanctioned.
- Free colour dress has been supplied to 2,01,032 Anganwadi children in the age group of 2-5 years on Pilot basis in Chennai, Vellore, Tiruchi, Dindigul and Theni districts at a cost of Rs.4.30 crores.
- Weaning food is being supplied to 16.60 lakh children aged between 6 months to 36 months, 6.64 lakh pregnant women and lactating mothers and 3.86 lakh adolescent girls, at a cost of Rs.429.15 crores.

* 9,602 Anganwadi Centres have been provided with pollution free "smokeless kitchens" at a cost of Rs.5.79 crores.
* To store life saving drugs and vital medicines and perishable food articles, refrigerators were provided at cost of Rs.6.50 lakhs.
* Compound walls at 4 children homes and a special home at Chengalpattu have been constructed at a cost of Rs. 2.10 crores. 800 children benefited.
* Increased amenities have been provided in 26 homes at a cost of Rs.2.60 crores benefiting 2,450 children.
* For training of children / Women in the Protective Homes in modern trades, Rs.43.11 lakhs was sanctioned benefiting 1,200 children/ women.
* Surveillance and security equipment are to be installed in Government Observation Home, and Government Special Home, Chengalpattu, at a total cost of Rs.35.18 lakhs.
* Construction of New Dormitory Building for juveniles residing in Government Special Home for Boys, Chengalpattu at a cost of Rs.30.80 lakhs.
* Washing machines have been provided for the benefit of children residing in Government Children Homes, at a total expenditure of Rs.17.50 lakhs.
* Welcome kits are being provided to children on admission to 9 Government Reception Units, at a total cost of Rs.9 lakhs; 2,450 children have benefited.
* Amenities in 26 homes have been increased at a total cost of Rs.1.30 lakh benefiting 2,450 children.
* An additional open shelter was opened in North Chennai by involving an NGO. A sum of Rs. 6.27 lakhs has been allotted.

- Orders have been issued to procure and supply 54,000 sewing machines at a cost of Rs.54 crores, through loan from Central Co-operative banks to the members of the Women Tailoring Co-operative Societies. The Government's financial support is 10%.
- Two pairs of uniforms are provided at no cost to 47.07 lakh school children.
- 6,125 Nutritious meal employees appointed.
- 6,755 Anganwadi employees appointed.
- 50.15 lakh children benefit from Puratchi Thalaivar MGR Nutritious Meal Programme at a cost of Rs.932.52 crores.
- Stainless steel plates and cups are provided to 14,734 children at a cost of Rs.8.84 lakhs.
- Rs.1.20 crore is allotted as pension to 1,069 destitute transgenders.
- Stitching wages have been doubled to the members of the women tailoring cooperative societies.
- Gas stoves with LPG connection to 1,779 Nutritious meal centres at a cost of Rs.3.92 crores.
- Age limit of 45 is reduced to 18 years, for pension under scheme for destitute differently-abled persons.
- For uninterrupted power supply during power failure, a sum of Rs.26.46 lakh was sanctioned to provide one (100 KVA) diesel genset to Government observation home, Chennai and Government Special Home, Chengalpattu.

110 Announcements

- Girl children registered under Girl Child Protection Scheme will be given Marriage Assistance with 4 gms of gold.

- Age limit to receive the maturity amount under the Girl Child Protection Scheme reduced to 18.
- Annual income ceiling to avail marriage assistance benefits enhanced to Rs.72,000.
- Sunday declared as holiday for Anganwadi workers and helpers
- 82,760 weighing machines for infants and girl children at a cost of Rs.7.12 crores.
- Special pension for Anganwadi and Nutritious meal employees enhanced to Rs.1,000.

WELFARE OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED DEPARTMENT

Special School Education

- Laptop Computers at no cost provided to 678 Differently Abled students.
- Providing 4 sets of free uniforms to 1,720 boys and girls studying in 23 Government Special Schools and 55 students undergoing vocational training at Government Vocational Training Centre for the Blind, Poonamallee at a cost of Rs. 14.31 lakhs.
- Enhancement of Scribe Assistance from Rs.100 to Rs. 250 per paper for 500 Visually Impaired students studying IX to XII Standard at a total cost of Rs. 27. 65 lakhs.
- To prevent drop outs among differently abled students studying 10th, 11th and 12th standards in Government and Government-aided institutions, a cash incentive of Rs.1500 for 10th and 11th Standard students and Rs.2,000/- for 12th Standard students is given. Total beneficiaries: 1,400 students at the cost of Rs.22.34 lakhs.
- Enhancement of Feeding Grant in Government and Government-aided Institutions from Rs.450/- to Rs.650/- per month for each student.
- Provision of Cash Award to Visually Impaired and Hearing Impaired students securing State Ranks in 10th standard and 12th standard Public Exams conducted by the Government. For 12th standard, Rs.50,000/- for State 1st rank holder, Rs.30,000/- for State 2nd rank holder, Rs. 20,000/- for State 3rd rank holder; For 10th standard, Rs. 25,000 for State 1st rank holder, Rs.20,000 for State 2nd rank holder, and Rs 15,000/- for State 3rd rank holder at a total cost of Rs. 3,20,000/-.

✶ 22 Government Special Schools are provided with Solar Water heaters at the cost of Rs.15 lakhs.

✶ To identify the hearing impaired, Auditory Brain Stem Response Audiometry Centres at Tiruchi and Coimbatore to be established at a cost of Rs.39 lakhs.

✶ A sum of Rs.2 crores is allotted for construction of Hostel Buildings at the Government Higher Secondary School, Poonamallee.

✶ 3% houses are reserved for differently abled persons under Chief Minister's Green Houses Scheme.

Employment and Training

✶ Free Vocational Training Programme (Modular Employable Skill programme) is conducted in all the 32 Districts at the Government and Private Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) with Lodging and Boarding facilities at a cost of Rs.74.88 Lakhs. 2,400 Differently Abled persons were the beneficiaries.

✶ High Level Committee was constituted as ordered by the Hon'ble Chief Minister under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to monitor

the implementation of 3% reservation for Differently Abled Persons in Government employment.

* 321 differently abled persons were employed through the Special Exams conducted by Tamil Nadu Public Service Commission for the backlog vacancies identified for the posts of Junior Assistants, Typists and Steno-Typists under Group IV category.

* Providing job opportunities for 100 days to differently-abled persons with full daily wages for 4 hours work under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme -- the first of its kind in India.

* 182 differently abled teachers were recruited by 'Teachers Recruitment Board'

Maintenance Allowance

* Monthly Maintenance Allowance given to persons with severe disability / mental retardation / muscular dystrophy was enhanced from Rs.500/- to Rs.1000/-. 1.05 lakh persons are getting allowance under this scheme at a total cost of Rs.125 crores during 2012-2013.

* The percentage of disability is reduced to 45% from 60% for mentally retarded persons to avail all benefits.

* Age limit of 45 years is reduced to 18 years for Differently Abled Persons to avail old age pension.

* A sum of Rs.1,000 is sanctioned as Maintenance Allowance for 6,161 persons cured of leprosy in the state, at a cost of Rs.2.59 crores.

Marriage Assistance

* Marriage Assistance of Rs.25,000/- is given to normal persons marrying Visually Impaired / Orthopaedically Differently Abled / Hearing Impaired along with 4 grams Gold for making

Thirumangalyam. If the Differently Abled Person who gets married is a Diploma Holder or Graduate, he/she is given Rs.50,000/- with 4 grams Gold Coin for making Thirumangalyam as Marriage Assistance. The target ceiling of 490 beneficiaries fixed for availing Marriage Assistance is withdrawn and all eligible applicants are given Marriage Assistance. 754 beneficiaries are getting benefits at a cost of Rs.3.07 crores.

Aids and Appliances

- 400 Retrofitted Petrol Scooters were distributed to differently abled persons whose legs are affected at Rs.2 crores.
- 'Behind the Ear' Hearing Aids given to 1,000 Children with Hearing Impairment at a cost of Rs.1 crore.
- Magnifiers for 500 Visually Impaired students to enable them to read text books given at a cost of Rs.50 lakhs.
- Modified special chairs for 600 Cerebral Palsy affected persons provided at the cost of Rs. 36 lakhs.
- Modular Artificial limbs (Below knee, Above knee and Below Elbow) for 378 Differently abled persons provided at the cost of Rs.1.05 crore.
- Reflecting folding sticks for 5,000 Visually Impaired Persons given at a cost of Rs. 10 lakhs.
- Motorised Sewing Machines given to 1,600 Differently Abled Persons at the cost of Rs.72 lakhs.
- Aids and Appliances for 5,388 differently abled persons provided at the cost of Rs.75 lakhs.

Early Intervention Centres and Adult Homes for Mentally Retarded

- 18 Early Intervention Centers are functioning for the Visually Impaired children in the age group of 0-6 years in 18 Districts at a cost of Rs. 57.02 Lakhs.

* The Government has sanctioned Rs.2 crores to run 20 Special Homes for Mentally Retarded men and women.

Medical Insurance Scheme

* Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the extension of the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme to all the family Members without income ceiling, even if one among them is a Differently Abled Person.

Construction of Buildings

* A sum of Rs.2 crores is allotted for construction of Hostel Buildings at the Government Higher Secondary School, Poonamallee, and for modernizing the kitchen and renovation of Braille Press.
* New Buildings with Modernized kitchen will be constructed for use of inmates of three Government Rehabilitation Homes at Paranur, Y.Puduppatti and Pudukkottai at a total cost of Rs.5.21 crores.

Bus Travel Concession

* 11,51,099 beneficiaries benefited to the tune of Rs.17.45 crores by availing the 75 per cent travel concession in mofussil buses.

Schemes for 2013-2014

* Rs.133.07 crores Maintenance allowance is allocated for severely handicapped / mentally challenged and persons affected with Muscular Dystrophy.
* Rs.263 crores allocated in Budget Estimate.

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HIGHER EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

AIMING FOR THE SKY IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Hon'ble Minister for Higher Education
Thiru **P. Palaniappan**

- ✶ Smart Classrooms with Video-Conferencing facilities have been established in 10 universities at a cost of Rs.2 crores.

- Foreign language laboratories have been established in 10 Universities at a cost of Rs.1.5 crore for enhancing language skills of students in English, Chinese, Japanese, German etc., enabling our students to compete in the world market.

- Entrepreneurship cum Skill Development Centres have been established at a cost of Rs.2 crore in 10 Universities, to develop the entrepreneurial skills in students, to trigger creativity and to help in securing decent employment in the job-market.

- The scheme of inviting foreign professors of repute has been introduced in 10 Universities at a cost of Rs.1 crore.

- Curriculum Development Cells have been established in 10 Universities at a cost of Rs.10 crores, to restructure curricula on par with global standards and to build a work force suited to the demands of industry and other business organizations.

- New Engineering College at Bodinayakkanur Taluk at Theni District.

- 22 Arts and Science Colleges in Srirangam, Harur, Pappireddipatti, Sattur, Thiruthuraipoondi, Vedaranyam, Nannilam, Thiruppathur, Kallakurichi, Nagalapuram, Nemmeli, Edapadi, Kanniyakumari, Vedasandur, Modakurichi, Thirumangalam, Thiruvottiyur, Paramakudi, Kadayanallur, Aruppukottai, Nagapattinam, and Arakkonam.

- University Business Collaboration Centres have been established in 6 Universities. These centres will act as agencies for co-ordinating Universities, leading Industries and other business organizations in Tamil Nadu, India and abroad. Tamil Nadu State Council for Higher Education is to act as a Nodal Centre.

- Incubation and Technology Transfer Centres have been established in 9 Universities. The focus of these centres would be “incubation activities” in transfer of innovative technology for practical purposes

among communities and converting creative ideas into commercially viable products.

- In 10 Universities, Centres were established for producing devices for the differently abled. They have been provided high pressure Braille printing press and personal computers to enable them to function very fast.

- In 10 Universities Post Graduate Centres have been upgraded with High Tech Laboratories. These Centres will help students pursue research with advanced technology.

- Anna University and Science City will network all libraries in Engineering Colleges and Universities to enable students access books, journals and reference materials through internet.

- Soft Skill Centres have been established in 30 Colleges under 5 Universities. These centres will teach life skills to students and help them develop good personality traits.

- Orders have been issued for the opening PG Extension Centres in Perambalur, Erode, Kanniyakumari, Dharmapuri and Virudhunagar Districts through the Universities concerned. These Centres will offer PG Courses and help students pursue research with advanced technology. Rural students will be greatly benefited by this scheme and achieve levels of competence like their counterparts in urban areas. These Centres with High Tech Laboratories will ensure access to Post Graduate Courses and quality research to rural and economically weak students.

- The process of distribution of priceless Laptop Computers to students studying in Government, Government Aided Arts and Science Colleges / Polytechnics / Engineering Colleges is in progress. 3,35,086 priceless laptop computers at no cost were distributed to students.

- ✶ Legislation for merging the Anna Universities of Technology with Anna University, Chennai has been enacted and has come into force. All the engineering colleges in the State have now come under one umbrella for co-ordinated and integrated development of technical education.
- ✶ Taking into consideration the increase in enrolment ratio in Government Colleges, 400 new Courses were introduced in Government Arts and Science Colleges. A total of 986 posts of Assistant Professors were sanctioned for 3 years to teach the above new Courses. About 7400 students have benefited.
- ✶ The Government has accorded Administrative Sanction for Rs.100 crore for providing infrastructure facilities and basic amenities to 93 Colleges.
- ✶ Order for starting 10 New Government Polytechnic Colleges, including one at Srirangam. Rs.13.30 crores allotted for buildings.
- ✶ Exemption of Fees for 2,48,064 first generation graduates at a cost of Rs. 478.70 crores. This scheme is extended to Sri Lankan Tamils residing in camps.
- ✶ Transfers of non-teaching staff of Colleges under the control of Directorate of Technical Education through the transparent counselling method was introduced for the first time.
- ✶ Financial assistance of Rs.26,50,000/- has been given to 106 economically weaker students under Chief Minister's Public Relief Fund at the rate of Rs.25,000/- each to enable them to continue B.E / B.Tech courses.
- ✶ The children of Sri Lankan Tamil refugees in Tamil Nadu have been permitted for the first time to participate in counselling for admission to Engineering colleges and also through Lateral Entry to II year B.E./B. Tech. and Post Graduate courses viz., MBA/MCA/M.E./ M.Tech.

- ✶ Admission in Higher Education increased from 6.10 lakh students to 6.52 lakh students.
- ✶ Exemption of Fees for first generation graduates at a cost of Rs. 518 crores during 2012-2013.
- ✶ Laptops at no cost for students of Government / Government Aided Arts and Science / Engineering and Polytechnic Colleges.
- ✶ Establishment of Engineering Colleges at Thanjavur and Dharmapuri Districts.
- ✶ Allotment of 56.37 acres of land at Sethurapatti village in Srirangam for New Indian Institute of Information Technology. Starting of academic courses from the academic year 2013–2014 in a temporary building.
- ✶ Enhancement of consolidated pay to guest Lecturers in Government Arts and Science Colleges from Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 10,000.
- ✶ Enhancement of Consolidated Pay to teachers working in Government Engineering Colleges on part time basis from Rs. 5000 to Rs. 10,000.
- ✶ Enhancement of Consolidated Pay to Lecturers working in Government Polytechnic Colleges from Rs. 6000 to Rs. 10,000.
- ✶ Appointment orders to 151 Assistant Professors for Government Engineering Colleges and 134 Lecturers for Government Polytechnic Colleges and Special Institutions.
- ✶ Community Colleges in 32 districts through Tamil Nadu Open University.
- ✶ Upgradation of infrastructure facilities in 86 Government/ University Constituent Arts and Science Colleges and

7 Government Colleges of education at an estimate of Rs. 100 crores.

- ✶ Introduction of Study Abroad Programme for faculty and students; 25 students and 5 faculty have been selected for studying one semester in Universities in England.

Schemes for 2013 – 2014

- ✶ 14 New Government / University Constituent Arts and Science Colleges.
- ✶ Establishment of a new Government Polytechnic College at Cheyyar.
- ✶ Establishment of an Engineering College at Srirangam.
- ✶ Fee Concession for first generation graduates studying in Engineering Colleges increased to Rs. 650 crores.
- ✶ Improvement of Infrastructure facilities in 4 Zonal Centres of Anna University and Constituent Engineering Colleges at a cost of Rs.150 crores.
- ✶ Recruitment of 530 Assistant Professors in Government Arts and Science Colleges and Colleges of Education, 61 Assistant Professors and 351 Lecturers in Government Engineering Colleges / Polytechnic Colleges.
- ✶ Establishment of Higher Research Centre for Swami Vivekanada Studies in 9 Universities.

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AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

A DEPARTMENT THAT RUSHES TO THE AID OF FARMERS

Hon'ble Minister for Agriculture
Thiru **S. Damodaran**

- ✶ The Mettur Dam was opened on 6th June 2011, bringing an additional paddy area of 1,80,000 acres.
- ✶ 4% VAT exemption on Agricultural inputs and Farm machinery.

- ✶ To ensure uninterrupted supply of fertilizer, especially DAP, interest-free advance of Rs. 135.5 crores was made to TANFED in 2011 and Rs.150 crores in 2012.
- ✶ Increased Budget outlay for Agriculture to Rs.6,491.7 crores.

Implementation of Micro Irrigation

- ✶ Provision of 100 % subsidy to small and micro farmers on Micro Irrigation Equipment.
- ✶ For other farmers, provision of 75% subsidy for Micro Irrigation Equipment.

SRI Whole Village Concept

- ✶ SRI whole village concept was implemented in 2,880 villages covering 25.05 lakh acres in 2011-2012. It was implemented in 1,695 villages covering in 6.01 lakh acres in 2012-2013.
- ✶ Pulses whole village concept was implemented in 3,402 villages covering 4.18 lakh acres.

Micro Irrigation Scheme for Pulses

- ✶ Micro irrigation in pulses crops was implemented in 12,179 acres at an expenditure of Rs.10.25 crores.

Increase of Paddy Procurement Price

- ✶ The procurement price per Quintal of Fine variety paddy, increased to Rs.1,350 from the previous year's price of Rs.1,100/-. For other varieties of paddy, the procurement price was increased from Rs.1,080/- to Rs.1,300/-.

Sugarcane Support Price

- ✶ Rs. 2,100 per Mt as support price of Sugar cane during 2011s. Rs. 2,350 per Mt as support price of Sugar cane during 2012.

Foodgrain Production

- ✶ Record food grain yield of 101.52 L.M.T was obtained in 2011-2012. For this achievement, Tamil Nadu received KRISHIKARMAN AWARD from the President of India.

Thane Relief Measures

- ✶ As compensation for the loss of crops, Rs.10,000/- was paid for 2.5 acre of paddy, Rs.7,500/- for other irrigated crops and Rs.4,000/- for rainfed crops.
- ✶ Rs.10.66 crores was incurred as expenditure for the removal of 2.13 lakhs affected coconut trees.
- ✶ For securing Food grains production and protecting the livelihood of farmers, 3.66 Lakh farmers were given pulses Mini-kits at an expenditure Rs.30.56 crores.
- ✶ In Cuddalore and Villuppuram districts, 2.11 lakh coconut trees were replanted at an expenditure of Rs.4.54 crores.

Award to Farmer for Record Yield

- ✶ The Hon'ble Chief Minister announced cash award of Rs.5 lakh to the farmer achieving the highest paddy yield. Thiru P. Solamalai of Madurai district has produced 8,421 kg per acre in SRI Paddy Cultivation. He received the cash award from the Hon'ble Chief Minister.

Sugarcane Initiative

- ✶ 12,500 acres of sugarcane crop was raised in SSI method in 2,360 villages at a cost of Rs.22.78 crores.

Redgram Transplantation

- ✶ Redram crop was raised in transplantation method in ten districts on an area of 75,000 acres at an expenditure of Rs.10.66 crores.

Uzhavar Peruvizha

- ✶ The Hon'ble Chief Minister launched Uzhavar Peruvizha, a multi disciplinary awareness campaign covering 16,313 revenue villages. Around 38 lakh farmers participated in this programme which cost the Government Rs.36 crores. As part of the programme, 5.60 lakh soil samples were collected. 2.98 lakh 'Farmers Integrated Hand Books' were distributed.

Special Samba Package for Delta Districts

- ✶ The Hon'ble Chief Minister has announced Special Samba package having new strategies for Delta Districts to ensure samba cultivation and productivity in delta districts. A sum of Rs.43.28 crores was incurred as expenditure.

Additional Schemes for Delta Districts

- ✶ The Hon'ble Chief Minister announced Additional Samba package having new strategies for Delta Districts to save the paddy crop in delta districts despite paucity of water release from Mettur Dam. A sum of Rs.21.061 crores was incurred as expenditure.

Universal Insurance Package

- ✶ Paddy cultivated in Samba and Thaladi seasons in Delta Districts was brought under Universal Crop insurance scheme covering 5.32 lakh farmers and a sum of Rs. 30 crore was incurred as expenditure. The government itself paid the farmers' premium contributions besides premium subsidy.

Farmers Integrated Handbook

- ✶ The Farmers Integrated Hand Book contains three year records with information on farmers, soil nutrition status, recommendation of fertilizers application and record on crop-wise productivity and scheme benefits. 8.18 Lakhs FIHBs were distributed at a cost of Rs.53.17 lakhs in 2012.

Drought Relief to Delta Farmers

- ✶ Drought relief of Rs. 15,000 per acre for paddy crop that suffered damage in 3.61 lakh acres. Rs. 543 crores was the expenditure. 3.53 lakh farmers benefited.

Horticulture & Plantation Department

- ✶ Integrated Horticulture Development Scheme was implemented in 1,67,190 acres at an expenditure of Rs.14 crores.
- ✶ 12,800 farmers were trained in Hi-tech horticulture at an expenditure of Rs.26.17 lakhs.
- ✶ Hill Area Development Programme was implemented in Nilgiris district with the financial outlay of Rs.2.76 crores for the benefit of horticulture farmers.
- ✶ Precision Farming established in 20,946.25 acres at an expenditure of Rs.16.43 crores.
- ✶ District Horticulture Information and Training Centre has been established in 10 districts of Tamil Nadu at an outlay of Rs.6 crores.
- ✶ End-to-End Computerization of the Department of Horticulture under National Agricultural Development Programme Scheme at an outlay of Rs.2 crores.
- ✶ At a cost of Rs.34 crores, a scheme to grow Vegetables around the metropolitan areas of Chennai and Coimbatore.

National Horticulture Mission (NHM)

- ✶ National Horticulture Mission Scheme was implemented in 1,20,277.5 acres at an expenditure of Rs. 122.94 crores. National Seminar on Banana was conducted at Theni District for two days at an outlay of Rs. 5 lakhs.

- Under Indo-Israel project, the Centre of Excellence for cut flowers at Thalli, Krishnagiri District & Centre of Excellence for Vegetables at Reddiyarchatiram, Dindigul District was launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 15.10.2012, at an expenditure of Rs. 18.98 crores, for a period of three years.

National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI)

- National Mission of Micro Irrigation was implemented in 1,30,661.9 acres at an expenditure of Rs.209 crores.
- Model Micro Irrigation villages were planned and established at the district level (one village per district, totalling 31 villages). 2,546 farmers benefited from Micro Irrigation in 5,534.95 acres.

PARKS AND GARDENS

- An Eco park was established at Courtallam is Tirunelveli District at a cost of Rs.5.73 Crores and opened to the public on 15.10.2012 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- Improvement works were taken up at Bryant Park, Anna Park and Chettiar Park at Kodaikanal at a cost of Rs.1.13 crores and opened to the public on 15.10.2012 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- Government Botanical Garden (Rs.7.45 crores) and Genetic Heritage Garden (Rs.8.16 crores) were established at Yercaud in Salem District and opened to the Public on 15.10.2012 by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- Foundation stones were laid by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on 15.10.2012, for Rose Garden and Cut Flower Demonstration Unit (Rs.3.5 crores) at SHF, Kodaikanal, Eco Park (Rs.4 crores) at Kanniyakumari and Development of infrastructure facilities (Rs. 2 crores) at HTC, Thally in Krishnagiri District.

STATE HORTICULTURE FARMS

- ✶ 350 lakh Pedigree planting materials were produced in the State Horticulture Farms and distributed to farmers under various Horticulture Schemes.
- ✶ Modernization of State Horticulture Farms and increasing the efficacy in use of Farm land schemes were launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 15.10.2012 at a cost of Rs.14.23 crores.
- ✶ Under TN IAMWARM PROJECT, an area expansion of 16,405 acres was covered out of the target of 20,455 acres at an outlay of Rs.9.60 crores.
- ✶ At an outlay of Rs.7.64 crores, a record 16,980 acres was covered under the above project.

TAMIL NADU HORTICULTURAL PRODUCERS CO-OPERATIVE ENTERPRISES LIMITED (TANHOPE)

- ✶ Inputs worth Rs.95 crores were procured for distribution to farmers under various schemes.

Engineering

- ✶ The Agricultural Mechanisation Programme is being implemented to reduce the problem of shortage of agricultural labourers. Subsidy assistance of Rs.116.22 crores has been provided to farmers for the purchase of 60,928 numbers of agricultural machinery and implements.
- ✶ Demonstrations of Agricultural Machinery and Implements were conducted in farmers fields at a cost of Rs.18.47 lakhs. Training programmes were conducted for farmers in handling and maintenance of Agricultural Machinery / Implements at a cost of Rs.31.85 lakhs.

- Training programmes have been conducted for 554 rural youth, in operation and Maintenance of Agricultural machinery / implements at a total cost of Rs.73.90 lakhs.
- Soil and water conservation programmes were implemented in River Valley Catchments, Hill areas, Tribal areas, Western Ghat areas with the main aim of controlling soil erosion, protecting agricultural lands from degradation and conserving soil fertility by improving soil moisture to increase the productivity.
- Soil and water conservation works have been completed in 68,602.5 acres and 5,168 structures have been constructed at a total cost of Rs.49.71 crores.
- Under the improvement of irrigation areas and water controlling system in the irrigation areas of 10 districts, farm improvement scheme activities were executed in 1,11,685 acres at a cost of Rs.111.90 crores.
- 1,235 Rain water harvesting structures were constructed at a cost of Rs.30.30 crores.
- Micro Irrigation works in 46,412.5 acres, 453 farm ponds, 658 water harvesting structures and PVC pipe laying works were completed at a cost of Rs.71.17 crores under TNIAMWARM Project.
- Tractors, Bulldozers and Combine harvesters were hired out to farmers for taking up ploughing for 3,33,678 hours, land development works for 1,79,182 hours and paddy harvesting for 33,826 hours under land development scheme.

Agricultural Marketing and Agriculture Business

- The pledge loan to farmers in Regulated markets was increased from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakhs.

- A sum of Rs.127.60 crores has been sanctioned for construction of 88 modern godowns in Regulated Markets under Rural Infrastructural Development Fund (RIDF)
- A sum of Rs.22.26 crores under RIDF has been sanctioned for construction of 70 cold storage units in Regulated Markets.
- For creation of infrastructure facilities and organizing capacity building programmes, Rs.22.38 crore has been allocated under TN-IAMWARM project.
- A sum of Rs.35.90 crores under NADP has been sanctioned for establishment of market complexes and cold storage units exclusively for vegetables, fruits, tamarind, chillies, lemon, grapes and banana in selected districts.
- To disseminate crop advisory and market intelligence to farmers through Agro Marketing Intelligence and Business Promotion Centre in Tiruchi, Rs.1.17 crore has been sanctioned.
- MoU has been signed with APEDA for establishment of Cold Storage units in Oddanchatram Market Complex, Villupuram and Tindivanam Regulated Markets at a cost of Rs.1 crore with 75% financial assistance from APEDA.
- A sum of Rs.22.30 crores under NADP has been sanctioned for strengthening of existing market infrastructure and computerization of Regulated Markets/
- To promote food processing, Rs.10.40 crores has been sanctioned to implement the National Mission on Food Processing with subsidy pattern of 75:25 from Central and State Government respectively.

Department of Sugar

- The Government of Tamil Nadu introduced the novel technology "Sustainable Sugarcane Initiative" to double Sugarcane Production

to 1,000 lakh Mt. The scheme is being implemented from 2011-12 for the benefit of the cane growers.

✶ For 2011-12, Rs. 500/- lakhs was allotted for installation of 1,000 shade nets to raise bud chip seedlings and cultivate in 7,500 acres under sustainable sugarcane initiative programme.

Department of Seed Certification

✶ Seed farms of 2,37,195 acres were registered under Seed Certification as against the target of 2,81,250 acres and 1,83,234 Mt. of seeds were certified as against the target of 2,00,000 of Mt.

✶ A historic achievement : one lakh and two thousand metric tonnes were certified.

Seed Quality Control

✶ Seed selling point inspections of 1,30,715 numbers were carried out as against the target of 1,35,500 numbers and 1,12,707 seed samples were drawn for quality checks as against the target of 1,30,500.

✶ 24,013 seed lots were found sub standard and a quantity of 2,075 Mt. of seeds worth Rs.966 lakh were stopped from being sold to the farmers.

✶ 738 cases were filed in a court of law against the defaulters and 602 cases have been disposed in favor of the Government.

Seed Testing

✶ 1,78,723 seed samples were analyzed for seed quality aspects as against a target of 1,72,500 and the results declared.

✶ All the Seed Testing Laboratories were provided with new computer facilities at Rs. 21.58 lakhs.

- For seven existing seed testing laboratories, the DNA Finger Print Laboratory and the Bt Toxin testing Laboratory were provided with the latest equipment at a cost of Rs 90.95 lakhs.
- Construction of a new Godown and the inner wall of the open well and strengthening of the irrigation facilities at a cost of Rs. 26 lakhs were carried out at the Genetic Purity Testing Farm situated at Kannampalayam, Coimbatore.
- All the Seed Testing Laboratories were updated with the latest equipment.

Training

- To encourage Certified seed production, and to create awareness on the use of quality seeds, 93,220 seed producers, seed dealers and seed farm growers were trained in Seed Certification and Quality Control aspects as against the target of 85,800 persons.
- Under ATMA scheme, training programmes have been conducted for Seed Producers and seed dealers at a cost of Rupees 57.25 Lakhs to improve technical competence in seed production and distribution.

Organic Certification

- Under Organic Certification scheme, 42,197 acres of farm lands have been registered under Organic certification as against the target of 60,500 acres.
- Seven numbers of GPS System, Class III digital signature with password and allocation of a digit Gs1 India company prefix number (1000 SKUs) have been purchased at a cost of Rs 1,60,000/-.
- This will serve the purpose of issuing of scope and transaction certificates to eligible farmers under Organic Certification.

Tamil Nadu Watershed Development Agency

Integrated Watershed Management Programme (IWMP):

- IWMP programme is being implemented in 1993 watersheds of 24 districts for a scheme period of 7 years from the year 2009-10 with Centre & State share 90:10.
- An area of 2,85,452.5 acres was developed at a cost of Rs.16,200.95 lakhs.
- Under Land Developmental activities, works such as Land Levelling, Summer Ploughing, Field Bunding and Retaining Wall were carried out in 3,907.5 acres. Under Water Resource conservation activities 1,160 Works, 2,969 Farm Ponds, 596 Cattle Ponds, 2,308 Sunken Ponds, 6,531 Check Dams & Loose Rock Check Dams and 1,165 Tank Renovations have been carried out. Under Plantation activities, 20,212.5 acres have been covered under fruit tree plantation, Social Forestry and Fodder Development.

Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP):

- This scheme is being implemented in 17 districts in 1,222 watersheds.
- 1,37,745 acres have been treated at a cost of Rs.34.44 crores.
- Under Land Developmental activities, works such as Land Levelling, Summer Ploughing, Field Bunding and Retaining Wall have been carried out in 488 acres. Under Water Resource conservation activities, 539 Percolation Ponds, 1,092 Farm Ponds, 284 Cattle Ponds, 124 Sunken Ponds, 969 Check Dams & Loose Rock Check Dams and 354 Tank Renovations have been carried out. Under Plantation activities, 14,147.5 acres have been covered under fruit tree plantation, Social Forestry and Fodder Development.
- IWDP scheme is being implemented in non-Drought Prone Areas Programme blocks in 24 districts in 910 watersheds.

* An area of 1,06,935 acres wasteland was treated at a cost of Rs.23.53 crores to convert it into cultivable land.

* Under Land Developmental activities, works such as Land Levelling, Summer Ploughing, Field Bunding and Retaining Wall were carried out in 2,237.5 acres. Works on 841 Farm Ponds, 80 Cattle Ponds, 660 Sunken Ponds, 903 Check Dams & Loose Rock Check Dams and 396 Tank Renovations were carried out. Under Plantation acitivities, 31,180 acres were covered under fruit tree plantation, Social Forestry and Fodder Development.

* In 18 districts, National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA) is being implemented in 200 watersheds.

* Rs.17.78 crores has been spent for treating 74,082.5 acres. Water Resource developmental works such as 320 Farm Ponds, 540 Percolation Ponds and 200 check dams were carried out.

* 155 watershed projects are being implemented in 25 districts by 77 NGOs with Watershed Development Fund assisted by NABARD (including Pilot Project for Integrated Development Districts).

* In the past two years, 10,147.5 acres have been treated at a cost of Rs.3.38 crores in 34 watersheds in 13 Districts.

* Area development was carried out in 3,975 acres, 360 farm ponds were created and 675 acres covered under plantation activities.

Watershed Greening Project

* Watershed Greening Project implemented in Tamil Nadu for the first time. Rs. 1.44 crores has been released.

Tamil Nadu Agricultural University

* For the first time in the country, a new Horticulture College and research Institute exclusively for women was established at Navalur Kuttappattu in Srirangam Constituency, Tiruchi, at a cost of Rs. 40 crores.

Management of invasive Papaya mealy-bug

- ✶ Outbreak of papaya mealy bug, Paracoccus marginatus caused damage going upto 90 per cent.
- ✶ Management of this pest through classical biological control by importing parasitoid viz., Acerophagus papaya from USA through NBAII (National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Insects), ICAR, Bengaluru proved to be effective. So far about 35 lakh parasitoids have been produced and released by TNAU. By this, Rs. 435 crores worth of agricultural produce was saved. Rs. 265 crores worth of pesticides was not used. The environment has also been protected by the release of parasitoid.
- ✶ Community Radio is an effective medium for transferring location specific farm technologies to farmers on a larger scale. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University has proposed setting up Community Radio stations in 28 districts at an outlay of Rs.14 crores. Weather conditions, daily market prices of agricultural commodities, success stories of farmers and advice of farm scientists on different cropping patterns will be covered apart from environmental protection, health, education etc.

Awards conferred to Tamil Nadu Agricultural University

- ✶ Best Agri Business Directorate 2011 by National award for Network of Indian Agri Business incubators (NIABI).

Krishi Shiksha Award

- ✶ Krishi Shiksha Award 2011 for Best State Agricultural University by Mahindra India Ltd. – Krishi Shiksha Samman.

Gold Award

- ✶ Gold Award 2011 was given by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances and Department of Information Technology, Government of India to the Agriculture Department,

Government of Tamil Nadu, Chennai in recognition of the achievements in AGRISNET, including TNAU Agritech Portal and Agmarknet.

- Under the ATMA Scheme, 1,322 extension staff and 8,054 friends of farmers were appointed.
- At the cost of Rs.25 crores, farmers were supplied agricultural inputs at the Uzhavar Peruvizha.

Schemes for 2013 – 2014

- Rs. 700 crores allocation for National Agriculture Development Programme
- Rs.161.62 crores allocation for production of quality seeds.
- Rs.50 crores as revolving fund for procurement & distribution of liquid fertilizers.
- Rs.42.95 crores as a allocation for crop Insurance.
- Land ceiling of one acre removed for availing subsidy for drip irrigation by small and marginal farmers.

Drought Relief 110 Announced

- Rs.68 crores as additional special assistance for Samba cultivation in delta districts.

Non-Delta Districts

- Totally, a relief of Rs.836 crores given to 17.94 lakhs affected farmers in non-delta districts whose yield loss is more than 50%.
- 50,000 farm ponds to be constructed at Rs.750 crores in non-delta districts under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme.
- Rs.1,754.86 crores relief at present in non-delta districts.

- ✶ Relief measures for drought as a first time in India.

- ✶ Relief assistance totalling Rs.312.89 crores, of Rs.5,000 per acre to 6.25 lakh farmers whose Paddy crop yield suffered more than 50% in non delta areas. This is Rs.2,571 more than the Calamity Relief amount fixed by Union Government.

- ✶ Relief assistance of Rs.50.15 crores at Rs.4,000 per acre to 1.01 lakh farmers whose irrigated crops other than paddy, perennial crops and mulberry crop yield suffered by more than 50% in non delta areas. This amount is Rs.1,571 more than calamity relief amount fixed by Union Government

- ✶ Relief assistance of Rs.424.24 crores at Rs.3,000 per acre to 10.05 lakh farmers whose rainfed crops other than paddy, perennial crops and mulberry crop yield suffered by more than 50% in non delta area. This amount is Rs.2,785 more than calamity relief amount fixed by Union Government

- ✶ Relief assistance of Rs.43.35 crores at Rs.4,000 per acre to 50,908 lakh farmers whose yield of coconut and other perennial crops other than paddy, suffered by more than 50% in non delta areas. This amount is Rs.761 more than calamity relief amount fixed by Union Government

- ✶ Relief assistance of Rs.4.58 crores at Rs.3,000 per acre to 10,602 lakh farmers whose mulberry crop yield suffered by more than 50% in non delta areas. This amount is Rs.1,704 more than calamity relief amount fixed by Union Government

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CO-OPERATION DEPARTMENT

RICE AT NO COST BRINGS HAPPINESS TO ALL

Hon'ble Minister for Co-operation
Thiru **Sellur K. Raju**

Co-operative Department

- Rs.7,350 crores has been disbursed as crop loan to 19,20,819 farmers through Co-operatives exceeding the target of Rs.7,000 crores.
- An interest subsidy of Rs.294 crore has been sanctioned to farmers at 7% for timely repayment.
- 22 copra solar drying units have been commissioned at a cost of Rs.129.58 lakhs.
- The Pamani Fertilizer unit has been provided with a speedy bagging machine at a cost of Rs.32 lakhs.
- To offset the shortage of manpower in farming operations, subsidy of Rs.25.60 crores and Rs.54.18 crores was allotted to 1,236 PACCS to purchase agricultural implements and farm equipment, viz. paddy Transplanters, Harvestors, Threshers, Mini Tractors, Tractors, Power Tillers and agricultural appliances for custom hiring.
- To ensure hassle-free sale of DAP to farmers through the co-operative outlets in the State, interest-free loan to the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Marketing Federation has been enhanced from Rs.130.50 crore to Rs.150 crore.

- ✶ Investment credit for agriculture and allied activities, to the tune of Rs.518.38 crores has been disbursed to 1.24 lakh farmers.

UPLIFTMENT OF DIFFERENTLY ABLED

- ✶ Interest-free loan of Rs.35.08 crores has been given to 11,498 differently abled people. Rs.1.8 crore has been sanctioned to provide this interest free loan.

LOAN ASSISTANCE TO WORKING WOMEN

- ✶ An amount of Rs.76.71 crore has been disbursed as loans to 21,683 women entrepreneurs .
- ✶ Co-operative Banks disbursed Rs.68.20 crores as loans to 18,036 working women.
- ✶ An amount of Rs.976.43 crores has been disbursed to 1,51,757 Women Self Help groups.

WELFARE OF SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

- ✶ Share capital assistance of Rs.25 lakh has been given to 9,000 SC/ST members of Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies. A Share Capital Assistance of Rs.10 crores in the form of subsidy to 40,000 SC/ST members of Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies at Rs.2,500/- per member has been provided to enhance their borrowing power.
- ✶ The Integrated Co-operative Development Project scheme has been commenced in the Nilgiris District at a total outlay of Rs.30.88 crore.
- ✶ 10 vehicles were distributed free-of-cost to 10 Co-operative Societies for using them as mobile fair price shops.

CO-OPERATIVES IN PUBLIC WORK

- ✶ Housing and House mortgage loan to the tune of Rs.429.58 crores has been disbursed to 23,272 persons.

- Co-operative medical shops sell medicines at a discounted rate of maximum of 15 % to the public. 216 new medical shops have been opened.
- Jewel loans of Rs.62,038.63 crore have been disbursed to 1.72 crore people.
- Non-Farm sector loans to the tune of Rs.436.06 crores have been disbursed to 75,207 people.
- An amount of Rs.381.52 crores has been disbursed to farmers as produce pledge loans.
- An amount of Rs.241.29 crores has been disbursed as loans to 2,58,818 Petty traders.

MODERNIZATION OF CO-OPERATIVE BANKS AND WELFARE OF CONSUMERS

- In the past two years, 102 branches of District Central Co-operative Bank and Urban Co-operative Banks have been fully air-conditioned. Srirangam and Pettaivaithalai branches of Tiruchi Central Co-operative Bank have been fully modernized.
- CORE Banking Solutions have been introduced as a measure of modernizing the co-operative movement.
- The "CORE Banking Solutions Software" is being implemented in the Tamil Nadu State Apex Co-operative Bank, helping its affiliates and customers more efficiently. Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) and National Electronic Fund Transfer Technology (NEFT) are also implemented in the Tamil Nadu State Apex Cooperative Bank for transferring funds anywhere in India and this helps the customers of the Tamil Nadu State Apex Cooperative Bank and District Central Cooperative Banks.

Relief to those affected due to Thane cyclone and Drought

- All 31 districts of Tamil Nadu except Chennai have been declared drought- affected districts by Government. Accordingly, considering crop damage caused by drought in Delta districts, Government has ordered Rs.15,000/- per acre as drought relief in cases where crop damage is more than 50%.
- Government has released relief to farmers for the crop damages caused by Thane Cyclone in December 2011 in Cuddalore and Villuppuram districts. Rs.106.73 crore was immediately disbursed to 1,92,847 farmers in Cuddalore district and Rs.24.94 crores to 79,771 farmers in Villuppuram district by the Primary Co-operative Credit Societies.

GODOWN FACILITIES IN CO-OPERATIVES

- The State Government has provided financial assistance of Rs.235 crores as grant under NABARD's RIDF Scheme for construction of 2,270 Godowns to increase storage capacity up to 2,84,700 M.Ts.
- The godowns constructed under the NABARD-RIDF scheme will be accredited by the competent authority for availing of interest subsidy given by the Government of India for produce pledge loan.
- International Year of Co-operatives was celebrated by conducting competitions and planting 7,11,234 saplings.
- In India, Tamil Nadu is the Second State to obtain Banking Licence from the Reserve Bank for all the 23 DCCBs.
- The number of Primary Agricultural Co-operative Credit Societies which have member level loan outstanding above Rs.1 crore has increased from 3,854 to 4,329.
- As a result of the measures taken by the Government, the deposit position in the Co-operative Banks has risen from Rs.26,245.17 crore on 31.3.2011 to Rs.36,918.48 crores.
- As a measure of revival of Co-operative Banks, Rs.154.62 crore has been sanctioned as Government subsidy.
- Tamil Nadu State Co-operative Societies Election Commission has been constituted for conducting free and fair elections to Cooperative Societies in Tamil Nadu.
- Farm fresh consumer outlets to control the price of vegetables and benefit the farmers directly.

Schemes for 2013-2014

- Crop loan to farmers increased to Rs.4,500 crores.
- Rs.160 crores as subsidy for crop loan interest.

Public (Ex-Servicemen) Department

- Cash Grants and Cash in lieu of land have been enhanced to the recipients of Gallantry Awards and to winners of Distinguished Service Medals from armed forces belonging to Tamil Nadu.
- The monthly Consolidated Pay to the Ex-Servicemen engaged in the Temple Protection Force has been increased from Rs.1500/- to Rs.5000/-.
- The procedures for providing compassionate ground appointments to next of kin of defence personnel killed have been considerably simplified and as a result 90 persons were given appointment in Government in last two years.
- 273 Ex-Servicemen have been placed in various Government/Private Organisations during the reporting period through the Directorate of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare.
- e-Governance has been introduced in the Department of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare, through NIC to streamline registration, placement and administration of welfare measures for Ex-Servicemen.
- The lifetime monthly financial grant to the Second World War Veterans was enhanced from Rs.1000/- to Rs.2000/- and from Rs.800/- to Rs.1500/- to the widows of Second World War Veterans.
- Works for the construction of Ex-Services Centre Building at Vellore District after demolishing the damaged building at an expenditure of Rs.2.20 crore have commenced.
- New Offices of the Assistant Director of Ex-Servicemen's Welfare at Dharmapuri and Namakkal have been created.
- To provide additional employment opportunities to Ex-Servicemen, provision has been made to engage Ex-Servicemen in Anti-Power Theft Squads and so far 200 personnel have been engaged.

- Group Personal Accident Insurance scheme was implemented from 01.06.2012 with the maximum risk coverage up to Rs.3 lakh for all the contract personnel of Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen's Corporation Limited.
- Skill Development Training is being provided in various field for Ex-Servicemen working in Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen's Corporation Limited.
- The wages of contract employees of Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen's Corporation Limited have been enhanced by 10%.
- 1168 Ex-Servicemen were employed through Tamil Nadu Ex-Servicemen's Corporation Limited.
- One set of uniforms free of cost was given to 9200 Ex-Servicemen contract personnel at a cost of Rs.65 lakhs.
- 62 families of Employees are benefited under Life Insurance Scheme ranging between Rs.5000/- to Rs.1,32,000/-.

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NURTURING NATURE ALL THE WAY

Hon'ble Minister for Forest
Thiru **K.T. Patchaimal**

FOREST DEPARTMENT

- ✶ A "Massive Tree Planting Programme" to increase green cover by planting 64 lakh seedlings throughout the State was commenced on 24.02.2012 to commemorate the 64th birthday of Hon'ble

Chief Minister. This scheme was implemented with an outlay of Rs.29.44 crores. It was continued by planting 65 lakhs seedlings throughout the State commencing on 20.02.2013 to commemorate 65th birthday of Hon'ble Chief Minister, with an outlay of Rs.43.55 crores.

- With financial assistance from Japan International Co-operation Agency (JICA), the Government has accorded sanction for the establishment of a Project Management Unit for implementation of the "Tamil Nadu Biodiversity Conservation and Greening Project" with Rs.21.97 crores. Other works included buying Solar lamps, buying vehicles for field workers, training to village volunteers and planting 1 crore saplings on private lands at a cost of Rs.68.40 crores in 2012-2013.
- Maintenance works were carried out at a cost of Rs. 113 crores under Tamil Nadu Afforestation Project Phase II.
- In order to control monkey menace in various cities, Rs.3.33 crores was sanctioned during 2012-13.
- For the purpose of protection of forests and development of infrastructure under 13th Finance Commission Grant, Rs.55.45 crores was sanctioned.
- An amount of Rs.6.08 crores was sanctioned for planting teak seedlings in 161.875 acres and an amount of Rs.2.97 crores was sanctioned for maintenance of teak plantation during 2012-13.
- An amount of Rs.21.51 crores was sanctioned for mitigation measures against depredation of farm lands by wildlife.
- Sathyamangalam Wildlife Sanctuary in Erode District was formed and Sathyamangalam Tiger Reserve declared the fourth Tiger Reserve in the State.
- Rs.1 crore was sanctioned to create Wildlife Conservation Fund for the successful implementation of Centrally Sponsored Wildlife Schemes.
- Orders were issued to allocate 30% of the total vacancies for direct recruitment as Forest Watchers in Hill Districts, equally to

Scheduled Tribe Youth and the Scheduled Tribes already engaged as Anti-poaching Watchers.

- ✶ In 2012-13, 17,564.9 acres were notified as Reserved Forest and 8949.33 acres was notified as Reserved Land.
- ✶ Rs. 12.73 crores has been spent for planting 1.19 crore seedlings under Tree cultivation in private lands.
- ✶ A sum of Rs.8.24 crores was sanctioned to implement the scheme of creation of fodder resources and improvement of Wildlife habitat inside the forest areas to mitigate the human-animal conflict.
- ✶ A sum of Rs. 9.21 crores has been sanctioned for restoration and development of Pallikaranai wetland. A Conservation Authority of Pallikaranai Marshland has been constituted.
- ✶ A sum of Rs. 13.925 crores has been spent during 2012-13 towards development of roads for the use of tribals in the hilly areas.
- ✶ Replanting in Thane cyclone-affected areas in Villupuram and Cuddalore districts has been implemented at Rs.7.48 crores.
- ✶ Improvement works of Forest Roads was undertaken under various schemes at an outlay of Rs.12.45 crores.
- ✶ Rs.7.35 crores sanctioned to establish Butterfly Park and Nakshatra Vanam near Upper Anaicut Reserved Forest of Tiruchi Forest Division to attract pilgrims and tourists and to conserve butterfly species.
- ✶ Rs.27.13 crores has been sanctioned towards Establishment of Advanced Institute for Wildlife Conservation (Research, Training and Education) at Arignar Anna Zoological Park.
- ✶ Sanction accorded for implementation of Water Conservation and Canopy Improvement in degraded forest lands at an outlay of Rs.50 crores in 10 districts with NABARD aid.
- ✶ Compensation to people for damages caused by wildlife has been increased. Compensation for death has been increased from Rs.1.5 lakh to 3 lakhs and for damage of crops, the compensation amount has been increased from Rs.15,000/- to Rs.25,000/- per acre.

- A corpus fund of Rs.2.5 crores has been created with Chief Wildlife Warden for quick settlement of compensation.
- In the case of tribal schools run by Forest Department, the awards for the first three rankers in 10th standard and 12th standard examinations have been given for the first time with amounts ranging from Rs.15,000/- to Rs.50,000/- to individual winners in boys and girls categories.
- Rs.21.18 crores have been realized as revenue to Government by sale of 45.25 metric tonnes of sandalwood through tender cum auction sale.
- Rs.85 lakhs have been realized as revenue to Government by sale of 458 cubic metres of teakwood through open auction.
- Rs.31.99 crores has been realized by sale of Social Forestry Plantations.
- Bird sanctuary at Chakkarakottai Tank in Ramanathapuram district.

TAMIL NADU FOREST PLANTATION CORPORATION LIMITED

- TAFCORN produced pulpwood to the tune of 4,24,103 M.Tonnes for the first time and allotted it to M/s.Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited and M/s. Seshasayee Paper and Boards Limited.
- Government has increased the paid-up share capital in Tamil Nadu Tea Plantation Corporation Limited by Rs.4 Crores (G.O.No.422, E&F, Dated 05.12.2012).
- Forest Plantation Corporation earned a profit of Rs.28 crores.
- High yielding rubber saplings in 157.85 hectares

Schemes for 2013-2014

- Allocation of Rs.880.69 crores for Forest Department with 15.89% increase.
- Formation of "Chennai City River Conservation Trust".

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HIGHWAYS AND MINOR PORTS DEPARTMENT

SAFE AND SURE ROADS TO GREAT DESTINATIONS

Hon'ble Minister for Highways and Minor Ports
Thiru **Edappadi K. Palaniswami**

- 9,893 km of roads have been Widened/Improved at a cost of Rs.3636 crores under Plan Schemes.
- Widening and improvements to 11,389 km length of roads have been carried out at a cost of Rs.2,023 crores under Non Plan Scheme.

- Under NABARD Loan, Assistance improvements to 186 roads for a length of 701.82 kms have been carried out at a cost of Rs.291.18 crores.
- Widening and upgradation of 113 km of ECR from Thoothukudi to Anjugramam at a cost of Rs.257 crores has been executed.
- In Sivagangai district, byepass was executed for Ilayankudi town at a cost of Rs.3.50 crores.
- In Nagapattinam District, byepass for Ettukudy town at a cost of Rs. 1.55 crores and for Nagapattinam town at a cost of Rs. 19.49 crores were executed.
- In Tiruchi district, byepass of Thuraiyur town was executed at a cost of Rs.9.45 crores.
- In Tiruvannamalai district, byepass for Vandavasi town for a length of 2.2 km was laid at a cost of Rs.3.50 crores.
- In Ariyalur district, the Perambalur Phase-I byepass at a cost of Rs.16.86 crores was constructed for a length of 5.25 km.
- In Tiruppur district, byepass for Dharapuram town for a length of 2.20 km was executed at a cost of Rs.4 crores.
- Byepasses for a length of 10.6 km for Sivagangai and for a length of 8.8 km for Eddapady were sanctioned.
- Government has sanctioned Rs.154.85 crores for byepasses for 12 Towns: Tirupathur, Arcot, Tiruvannamalai, Namakkal, Tiruchengode, Bhavani, Mayiladuthurai, Mudukulathur, Ambasamudram, Tenkasi, Sankarankoil & Cuddalore.
- To acquire land for Tiruttani, Manachanallur & Mannargudi byepasses, government has sanctioned Rs.36.07 crores.

- A bridge to connect Srirangam and Tiruchi across Kollidam river at a cost of Rs.81 crores.
- Integrated scheme to upgrade Chennai Anna Salai, EVR Periyar Salai and Inner Ring Road to International standards.
- Detailed Project Report for formation of Ring Roads to Madurai, Coimbatore, Tiruchi, Salem, Tiruppur, Tirunelveli, Thoothukudi, Erode & Vellore towns.
- Government has sanctioned Rs.1,075 crores for six laning Nemilicherry to Minjur to a length of 32 km of Chennai Outer Ring Road Phase II on Design Build Finance Operate and Transfer' (DBFOT) with annuity payment.
- Government has sanctioned Rs.10 crores for preparation of Detailed Project Report for Chennai Peripheral Ring Road from Mamallapuram to Ennore via Chennai, Tiruporur, Singaperumalkoil, Sriperumpudur, Tiruvallur, Tamaraipakkam, Periyapalayam, Pudhuvayal and Kattupalli.
- Government has sanctioned Rs.5.22 crores for preparation of Detailed Project Report for formation of Road Grids along Chennai Outer Ring Road.
- Government has sanctioned Rs.233.93 crores for undertaking Performance Based Maintenance Contract in 191.50 km of SHs at a cost of Rs.121.62 crores and 185.98 km of MDRs at a cost of Rs.112.31 crores in Pollachi division.
- Government sanctioned Rs.10 crores for improving Tourism-related important roads in 11 districts in 2011-2012. Likewise, in 2012-2013, Rs.9.92 crores was sanctioned to undertake improvements in Tourism-related important roads in 10 districts.

- Preparation of DPR for IT corridor phase II from Siruseri to Mahabalipuram is in progress. For Land Acquisition, RAS was sanctioned for Rs.294.68 crores.
- To provide better connectivity for Chennai Metropolitan area, Government sanctioned Rs.45 crores for 2 road works, Rs. 30 crores for 8 river bridges, Rs. 20 crores for 1 Sky walk, Rs. 19 crores for 5 Pedestrian subways and Rs.271.68 crores for 4 Grade Separators.
- Under CRIDP scheme, Rs.1900 crores was sanctioned 5342 km roads and 244 bridges/culverts. Rs.2262.50 crores was sanctioned for 4943 km roads and 188 bridges/ culverts / protective works.
- Under NABARD loan assistance, Government sanctioned Rs. 211.60 crores for improvements of 130 roads for a total length of 433.72 km.
- Under CRIDP, construction of 503 bridges at a cost of Rs.212 crore was completed.
- Rs.20 lakhs was sanctioned for Preparation of DPR for construction of Grade Separator at Kooteripattu junction in Villupuram district.
- Rs.20 crores sanctioned for construction of additional two lane ROB at Textool in Coimbatore district.
- In Periyar E.V.R. Salai, widening the bridge across Coovam river at a cost of Rs.6.91 crore.
- Widening of Thiru. V. Ka. bridge across Chennai Adayar river at a cost of Rs.15.64 crores.
- Under Part II scheme 7 Bridges at Mathur – Thittakudi, Gundu – Uppalavadi, Trichy – Thuraiyur, Peruvilai, Azad Nagar, Nasuvankarai, Vilathikulam- Perunazhi have been completed at a cost of Rs.16.83 crores.

- To serve industries located near Tiruchi city and tourists, it is planned to construct a four Lane Bridge. Rs.25 lakhs has been sanctioned for preparation of DPR for Construction of bridge across Kollidam at km 312/2-313/0 of Chennai-Tiruchi-Dindigul road (SU 9) (four lane with foot path).

- Government has sanctioned Rs.134 crore to construct an additional two lane bridge besides reconstructing the existing bridge in East Coast Road over Palar River (km 75/300).

- To reduce traffic congestion in Karur town, Rs.12.50 crores has been sanctioned for Construction of High Level Bridge across Amaravathy river located near Pasupathypalayam.

- Under NABARD loan assistance, construction of 144 bridges was completed at a cost of Rs. 287.09 crores and Government sanctioned 65 bridges at a cost of Rs. 151.00 crores. At a cost of Rs. 235 crores, 121 more bridges were sanctioned.

- Under Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme, construction of 2 bridges at a cost of Rs. 24 crores was completed.

- 21 ROB/RUBs were completed at a cost of Rs. 440 crores.

- Under Railway Works programme, Government has sanctioned construction of 23 ROB/RUBs at a cost of Rs. 740.01 crores. Initially Rs. 100.90 crore was sanctioned for carrying out Preliminary works such as Investigation charges, Land Acquisition and shifting of services Utilities for 12 ROB/RUBs.

- 2 Advanced Data Collection Equipments at a cost of Rs. 3 crores were acquired.

- E-PATHAI (Electronic, Project, Administration, Traffic, Highway Assets and Information Management System) software was

launched to maintain the road in a high tech manner including GIS, P&FMS and RMS.

- Rs. 65 crores sanctioned by TNIDB for engaging consultants for project preparation of TNRSP Phase II.
- Sanction was accorded for construction of Integrated CE's office building at a cost of Rs.13.21 crores on Quality Assurance & Research campus, Guindy.
- Under Part II schemes, 42 buildings and a renovation work have been completed at a cost of Rs.12.01 crores. These include 3 Circle offices, 8 Division Offices, 12 Sub-Division Offices, 2 Regional Labs at Salem and Tiruchi, 15 Travellers Bungalow, One section office and Renovation of Heritage building.
- Government sanctioned Rs.8.46 crores for construction of 35 office buildings/traveler bungalows and Rs.8.63 crores for construction works for 31 buildings/traveler bungalows.

TAMIL NADU MARITIME BOARD

- M/s L&T Shipbuilding Limited has been permitted to construct Shipyard-cum-Minor Port complex at Kattupalli.
- Tamil Nadu Maritime Board has given approval to L&T Shipbuilding Limited to handle captive and commercial cargo in this port.
- The Government has issued orders approving in principle, the establishment of a Maritime College at Thoothukudi on a Public Private Partnership mode through competitive bidding process.
- The Highways and minor ports department has approved the establishing an All Weather, Deep Water, Direct Berthing Greenfield Port at Nagapattinam on Public Private Participation (PPP) mode through a competitive bidding process.

POOMPUHAR SHIPPING CORPORATION LIMITED

- PSC has moved 126.60 Lakh MT of coal and is expected to move about 130.25 lakh MT of coal.
- The Ferry Service at Kanyakumari has earned a fare collection of Rs. 3.94 crores by transporting 20.26 lakh passengers between 01.04.2011 and 31.03.2012. It is expected to earn Rs.6.81 crores by transporting 20.47 lakh passengers between 01.04.2012 and 31.03.2013 due to revision of fare from 10.07.2012.
- PSC has purchased a new ferry M.L.Vivekananda at a cost of Rs.1.08 crores to replace its 36-year-old ferry M.L.Baghirathi.

Schemes for 2013-2014

- A handsome allocation of Rs.6,452.77 crores in budget.
- Comprehensive Road Infrastructure Development Scheme at a cost of Rs.2,032 crores.
- Widening of East Coast road from Chennai-Mamallapuram to four lane.
- 4 grade separators in Chennai City at a cost of Rs.271.68 crores.
- 2 Flyovers in Madurai City at a cost of Rs.130 crores.
- Establishment of "Tamil Nadu State Highways Authority"

110 Announcements

- Rs.5 crores to prepare detailed project report (DPR) for an elevated road measuring 45 k.m.

✶ Widening of the road measuring 22 km from Thirunindravur to Padi as six lane road at a cost of Rs.168 crores and four laning at a cost of Rs.98 crores in the Ist phase.

✶ Widening of Thandalam – Perambakkam – Thakkolam Road as four lane road for 39.40 km.

✶ 14.27 km length of Thanjavur bypass from the new collectorate to Manakkarambai at a cost of Rs.98 crores.

✶ 131 River bridges on Government and Panchayat Union roads at a cost of Rs.300 crores.

✶ Improvement of 215 km length of 67 Government roads at a cost of Rs.100 crores.

✶ 18 Railway over bridges in 11 districts at a cost of Rs.948.30 crores. An allocation of Rs.201.88 crores for initial works.

✶ A multi-storeyed parking complex of 20 floors with a capacity to park 2,000 vehicles and 50 buses in Siruseri at a cost of Rs.200 crores.

✶ Pochampalli – Kodamandapatti road facility at Rs.8.68 crores, to connect SIPCOT Industrial Estate with this road at a cost of Rs.3.22 crores.

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" The expectations of the people are the prime forces driving this Government."

Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa

FOOD & CONSUMER PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

TOWARDS
TOTAL FOOD SECURITY

Hon'ble Minister for Food
Thiru **R. Kamaraj**

FOOD

- 1.84 crore rice option card holders and 19,733 Sri Lankan Tamil repatriates were provided with Pongal Gift Hamper worth Rs.160/- each having 1 kg of raw rice, 1 kg of Sugar and a cash assistance

of Rs.100/- for purchase of other items for celebrating Pongal festival 2013. Rs.300 crores was spent by the Government for implementing this scheme.

- ✶ Supply of 20 kg rice at no cost; 1.66 crore families benefited every month. Under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana scheme the Government of India supplies 35 kg rice per month to 18.97 lakh beneficiaries at the rate of Rs.3 per kg, but this Government supplies 35 kg rice per month at no cost.
- ✶ A subsidy of Rs.3,173.11 crore for rice, Rs.682.48 crore for Sugar, Rs.508.38 crore for Palmolein, Rs.497.89 crore for dhalls and Rs.38.14 crore for kerosene, all totalling Rs.4,900 crore is being provided towards Food subsidy for 2013-2014. Rs.291.09 is provided as subsidy per card per month benefiting 1,95,90,377 families.
- ✶ A new part-time fair price shop has been opened exclusively for 232 leprosy affected persons by bifurcating their cards from Chinthamani SIDCO Nagar-3 fair price shop.
- ✶ 300 fair price shops were opened. 591 new part time shops were opened in remote hilly areas.
- ✶ 1,516 family cards have been issued exclusively for transgenders living in the State.
- ✶ Due to the timely release of water and incentive offered to the farmers by the State Government, an all-time high of 23.82 lakh metric tonnes of paddy was procured in 2011-2012.
- ✶ Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation took procurement activities to the door-steps of farmers by arranging to purchase paddy from the fields of farmers who have a stock of 300 bags and more.

Price Control

- ✶ Initially, a Price Stabilization Fund with a corpus of Rs.50 crores for effective market intervention was constituted. This amount has now been enhanced to Rs.100 crores.

- Rs.3 crores from the Price Stabilization Fund was utilized to procure 1000 metric tonnes of rice from West Bengal and sold at Rs.25 per kg for swarna variety and Rs.31 per kg for mini-kit variety through Co-operative retail outlets and Amudham departmental stores for the benefit of consumers when there was an upward trend in the price of rice.
- Rs.2 crores was allotted from the Price Stabilization Fund for the procurement of tamarind, dry chillis (gundu) and dry chillis (neettu) when there was a steep increase in their prices and they were sold through the retail outlets at Rs.58/-, Rs.120/- and Rs.80/- per kg respectively.
- Rs.25 crores was allotted from the Price Stabilisation fund for procurement of 10,000 metric tonnes of fine variety rice to sell through the Cooperative retail outlets and Amudham Departmental Stores.
- To control the rise in the price of rice in the open market, one lakh metric tonnes of rice was procured and sold at Rs.20/- per kg through Amudham stores, Co-operative stores and special outlets.

Storage augmentation

- To store the various essential commodities and to augment their storage capacities, it is proposed to construct 1.79 lakh metric tonne capacity of storage facilities for Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation (1.15 LMT) and Tamil Warehousing Corporation (0.64 LMT) at Rs.80.14 crores.
- Apart from various Government agencies like Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation, private depositors are also utilizing the warehousing facilities of the Tamil Nadu Warehousing Corporation. The Physical occupancy of Tamil Nadu Civil Supplies Corporation in 2011-2012 was 93% and it earned a revenue of Rs.39.21 crores, the highest by the Tamil Nadu Warehousing Corporation.
- During the year 2011-2012, 10 Direct Purchase centres are under construction at the rate of Rs.20 lakh per Direct Purchase Centre at a total cost of Rs.2 crore. Likewise for the year 2012-2013, 50

Direct Purchase Centre have been proposed to be constructed at the rate of Rs.25 lakhs per Direct Purchase Centre at a total cost of Rs.12.50 crores. Thus a total of 60 Direct Purchase Centres are proposed to be constructed in the delta districts at an overall cost of Rs.14.50 crores.

Consumer Welfare

- ✶ The reward for every informant leading to seizure of essential commodities by anti-social elements has been enhanced from Rs.500/- to Rs.1,000/-. The reward for every informant leading to the identification and cancellation of bogus cards has been enhanced to Rs.200/- to Rs.250/-.
- ✶ To deal with the scarcity of fuel in and around Chennai in May 2012, fuel was drawn from Kochi and Bangalore and was supplied to consumers through petrol bunks.
- ✶ Tamil Nadu Government is determined to serve the people by strengthening the public distribution system for the benefit of the people whatever be the decisions on National Food Security law.
- ✶ LPG gas cylinders have been fully exempted from VAT.
- ✶ Under Special Public Distribution System, sale of 1 litre of palmolein at Rs.25 as against Rs.57, 1 Kg Toor dhal at Rs.30 as against Rs.76, 1 Kg Urad dhal at Rs.30 as against Rs.60 sold in the open market.
- ✶ A Circuit branch was opened at Madurai to facilitate the consumers in 13 southern districts.

Schemes for 2013-2014

- ✶ Modernization of 7 rice mills at a cost of Rs.32.6 crores.
- ✶ Formation of 12 new Civil Supplies CID units at a cost of Rs.9.33 crores.

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MILK AND DAIRY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

RINGING IN THE WHITE REVOLUTION

Hon'ble Minister for Milk and Dairy Development
Thiru **V. Moorthy**

Dairy Development Department

- ✶ Average milk procurement has increased from 20.67 lakh litres per day to 24.36 lakhs litres per day.

- ✶ Aavin made history with the highest milk procurement of 27.15 lakhs litres on 20.11.2012.
- ✶ To make the payment of dues to milk producers, the Government sanctioned a sum of Rs.115.85 crores as advance.
- ✶ The payment to Milk producers was raised from Rs.18/- to Rs.20/- per litre for Cow's milk and from Rs.26/- to Rs.28/- per litre for Buffalo's milk.
- ✶ Bonus, dividend and incentive to the 17,043 members of the Milk Producers Cooperative Societies making profits, has been paid to the tune of Rs.21.06 crores.
- ✶ Coimbatore, Tiruchi, Salem and Kanyakumari District Cooperative Milk Producers Unions have paid Rs.55.06 crores from surplus fund earned by union as additional milk cost, benefiting 3,23,979 milk producers.
- ✶ From the beneficiaries of free Milch animals scheme, milk producers societies were formed in 480 villages.
- ✶ 84 Bulk Milk Coolers were installed.
- ✶ Smart card was introduced for the benefit of Aavin consumers on 11.12.2012. Through this, consumers can have new milk cards / renewal of milk cards through website www.aavinmilk.com from their residence.
- ✶ "Aavin Chocolate" was introduced by Hon'ble Chief Minister on 20.2.2013. Aavin also introduced Mango Milk Shake, Milk Peda, Shree Khand, Milk bread, Milk cake and Milk shake in 7 different tastes during 2012-13.
- ✶ 400 new Aavin milk parlours have been started .
- ✶ Hon'ble Chief Minister on 4.1.2013 inaugurated sale of "New Ooty Tea" in Aavin milk depots.

- The average milk sales which was about 19.58 lakh litres per day has been increased to 21.15 lakh litres.
- In Chennai metro, "Aavin" milk sale was 10.30 lakh litre per day. Now milk sales have increased to 11.25 lakh litres milk.
- The annual turnover of Aavin has increased from Rs.2,369 crores to Rs. 3,584 crores.
- Promotion has been given to 222 employees in the Federation and District Unions.
- Special by-laws governing service conditions of employees of DCMPUs have been formulated.
- The investment for infrastructure has been raised from Rs.7 crores to Rs.8.73 crores.
- A 10 crores dairy farm at Ammapalaiyam in Tiruvannamalai District, to handle 2 lakh litres of milk and manufacture 20 tonnes of milk power

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> **"Our flagship programmes like distribution of milch cows, goats and sheep to poor families will strengthen the mixed farming system in the rural areas and assure sustainable income to rural households."**
>
> **- Hon'ble Chief Minister Selvi J Jayalalithaa**

ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT

PLANS THAT PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

Hon'ble Minister for Environment
Thiru **M.C. Sampath**

✶ A sum of Rs. 46.73 lakhs has been released to the Eco-clubs functioning in 1869 Government and Government-Aided High Schools and Higher Secondary schools at Rs. 2,500/- per school, for carrying out various environmental awareness activities. An

additional fund of Rs.80 lakhs allocated by the State Government for forming new Eco-clubs in 3200 schools was released to the Director of School education for forming new Eco-clubs.

- The Government allocated Rs.150 crores for relaying roads with Plastic Waste.
- 540.89 km Roads were re-laid at a cost of Rs.84.90 crores.
- To create awareness of the ill effects of plastic usage, Rs.20 lakhs has been released to Arignar Anna Zoological Park.
- Awareness activities on the ill-effects of plastic usage were undertaken by the Department of Environment at a cost of Rs.19 lakhs.
- To accumulate plastic wastes and to create shredding machine centres, a sum of Rs.80 lakhs to Municipalities, Rs.1.20 crores to Town Panchyats, Rs.80 lakhs to Panchayats and Rs.1.20 crores to Chennai Corporation has been sanctioned.
- To lay roads with plastic waste, Rs.13.89 crores to Municipalities, Rs.18 crores to Town Panchayats, Rs.9 crores to Panchayats and Rs.9.11 crores to Chennai Corporation has been sanctioned. Total length of roads - 446.50 km.
- To create awareness among public on reducing the use of plastic waste that cannot be recycled, Rs.50 lakhs has been sanctioned to the Department of Environment and Rs.1 crore to local bodies.
- A sum of Rs.4.77 crores has been released by the State Government for the revival of Ooty Lake through Bio-remediation as per the directions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister to clean up the lake and maintain it without any further pollution.

TAMILNADU POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD

- Within one month of the formation of the new government, as per the directions of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, online filing of application for consent was launched. More than 800 industries have used the online facility.
- In order to mitigate the issues relating to dyeing units in Tiruppur, the Government has announced Rs. 200 crores as interest free loan for 20 Common Effluent Treatment Plants in Tiruppur for achieving zero liquid discharge system. The Government has issued orders granting Rs.179.34 crores for 18 Common Effluent Treatment Plants in Tiruppur.
- To create awareness regarding avoiding use of one-time use and throw away plastic in all the Districts, the Board has sanctioned Rs.32 lakhs and awareness programmes have been conducted in all the 32 Districts.
- The Board has sanctioned Rs.25 Lakhs to provide training to Effluent Treatment Plant operators to prevent loss of life during cleaning of effluent tanks. So far, 3000 participants have benefited from the training programme.
- As per the order of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, a new District Laboratory at Maraimalai Nagar was established at a cost of Rs. 58 lakhs.
- For the first time in the country, Tablet computers at a cost of Rs.3.96 lakhs were distributed to all the 34 District Engineers by the Hon'ble Chief Minister.
- 86 PM10 (Particulate Matter) instruments procured at a cost of Rs.128 lakhs and 5 PM 2.5 instruments procured at a cost of Rs 11.33 lakhs were distributed to Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board Laboratories.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

INNOVATIONS ABOUND IN PUBLIC WORKS

Hon'ble Minister for Public Works Department
Thiru **K.V. Ramalingam**

- ✶ Construction of Manimandapam for Colonel (Late) John Pennycuick at Lower Camp in Theni District was completed at a cost of Rs.1.25 crores. It was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on January 14, 2013.

- ✶ Improvements and beautification works of Bharath Ratna Dr. M.G.R. Memorial, Chennai were carried out at a cost of Rs.7.70 crores. Improvements to Perarignar Anna Memorial, Chennai were completed at a cost of Rs.1.20 crores.

- Renovation of Gandhi Mandapam on Sardar Patel Road, Guindy, Chennai at a cost of Rs.11.61 crores.

- Construction of National Law School Complex at Srirangam in Tiruchi District for Rs.100 crores.

- Facelift to Namakkal Kavingar Maligai Building in the state Secretariat, Chennai at a cost of Rs.28 crores.

- Construction of Collectorate Buildings at Thanjavur at an expenditure of Rs.25 crores.

- Construction of Collectorate Buildings at Cuddalore at an expenditure of Rs.25 crores.

- Construction of Employment Exchange Buildings in 10 places at a cost of Rs.15 crores.

- Improvements and Renovation of Government ITI buildings in 15 places at a cost of Rs.15 crores.

- Construction of Veterinary Hospital, Dispensaries, Animal Disease Intelligence Units, Poly clinics at a cost of Rs.97.48 crores.

- Construction of additional floor in P.G.Block in the Government Dental College, Chennai at a cost of Rs.2.40 crores.

- Construction of 2nd floor in the office of the Director of Medical Education and Selection Committee Building at Kilpauk, Chennai at a cost of Rs.2 crores.

- Construction of additional floors (4th & 5th floors) over the Accident and Physiotherapy Block of Urology Department in Government Royapettah Hospital, Chennai at a cost of Rs.4.35 crores.

- Construction of 23 new PHC Buildings at an expenditure of Rs.5.06 crores.
- Construction of Library Building in Coimbatore Medical College, Coimbatore at an expenditure of Rs.3.36 crores.
- Construction of Hostel Building cum Modern Kitchen in GHSS for Blind at Poonamallee at an expenditure of Rs.2 crores.
- Construction of Compound Wall to 5 Social Welfare Institutions at an expenditure of Rs.2.10 crores have been completed.
- Building works at 26 Child / Women Care Institutions at an expenditure of Rs.2.60 crores has been completed.
- Construction of Godown for Bio-Fertilizer Production unit at 15 Places at an expenditure of Rs.3 crores.
- Construction of Micronutrient Mixture unit for Central Control Lab at Kudumianmalai at an expenditure of Rs.1.30 crores.
- Construction of an Arch at a cost of Rs.1.33 crores, to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee of the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly.
- Construction of Master Plan Complex including Collectorate Building at Tiruppur at an estimated cost of Rs.52.14 crores.
- Construction of Yatri Nivas in Srirangam at a cost of Rs.42.33 crores.

WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

- The Final Orders of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal were published in the Gazette of the Government of India on 19.02.2013, thereby fulfilling the long-felt dream of the farmers of the Cauvery Delta and the whole State.

- Under the World Bank loan assisted IAMWARM project, rehabilitation of 1,383 tanks, 265 anicuts and 2,864.93 km length of supply channels was taken up in the past two years, at a cost of Rs.508.38 crores.
- Under the Master Plan Artificial Recharge Scheme, artificial recharge structures such as check dams and percolation ponds were constructed in the past two years at a cost of Rs.138.66 crores.
- Rehabilitation of Contour Canal from LS 0/000 km to LS 49/300 km in Tiruppur and Coimbatore Districts at a cost of Rs. 184.50 crores.
- Preparatory works for the formation of a new reservoir near Kannankottai and Thervaikandigai villages in Gummidipoondi Taluk of Tiruvallur District at a cost of Rs. 330 crores.
- Creation of additional storage in Cholavaram, Porur, Nemam, Ayanambakkam Tanks and restoration of additional storage in Chembarambakkam tank has been sanctioned for Rs.130 crores.
- Construction of a Barrage across the Cauvery River in Mayanur village of Karur district is in progress, at an estimated cost of Rs.234 crores.
- Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP), with loan assistance of World Bank is under implementation at a project cost of Rs.745. 49 crores.
- Construction of Coastal protection works such as Rubble Mound Sea Walls / Groynes at a project cost of Rs.200 crores.
- Rehabilitation of Kalingarayan channel from mile 3-3-000 to 9-7-000 in Erode Taluk of Erode District at a cost of Rs.50 crores is under implementation.

- The Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission scheme of Flood protection for Chennai City, at a project cost of Rs. 633.03 crore is under implementation.

- Climate adaptation programme in Cauvery Delta, with the loan assistance of Asian Development Bank to improve drainage facilities through construction of tail-end regulators and standardizing drains, at a project cost of Rs.1560 crores, has been approved.

NABARD loan assistance schemes

- Rehabilitation of the Grand Anicut Canal from L.S. 0.75 km to L.S. 58.67 km and Kallaperambur Eri in Thanjavur District, at a cost of Rs.130.34 crore was completed, benefiting an ayacut of 6,075 acres.

- Rehabilitation of the Grand Anicut Canal from L.S. 58.67 km to L.S. 92.20 km in Orathanadu in Thanjavur District, at a cost of Rs.28.58 crore was completed, benefiting an ayacut of 68,977.50 acres.

- Rehabilitation of Arakkankottai and Thadapalli Channels in Gobi taluk of Erode District at a cost of Rs.17.45 crore was completed, benefiting an ayacut of 24,792.5 acres.

- Rehabilitation of Thovalai Channel including tanks in Kanniyakumari District, at an estimated cost of Rs. 22.50 crore.

- Rehabilitation of Nilayur Channel to increase the carrying capacity to feed the Nilayur Extension Channel in Madurai District, at an estimated cost of Rs.23.50 crores.

- Construction of a Check Dam across Cauvery River near Mutharasanallur, Kambarasampettai, in Srirangam Taluk of Tiruchi District, at an estimated cost of Rs.32 crores.

- Rehabilitation and raising the existing RMS wall in Tiruvallur district, at an estimated cost of Rs. 26.58 crores, has been sanctioned.

- Rehabilitation of canals to a length of 2,864.93 km, 268 dams and 1,383 lakes at a cost of Rs.1,508.38 crores.

- Flood protection works in the districts of Thanjavur, Tiruvallur, Villupuram, Cuddalore and Nagapattinam, at a cost of Rs.635.54 crores.

Schemes for 2013-2014

- Budget Allocation for Irrigation - Rs.3,313 crores, Buildings - Rs.1,092 crores.

- Steps to Constitute Cauvery Management Board and Cauvery Water Regulation Committee.

- Restoration of traditional water bodies - 176 schemes at a cost of Rs.50 crores.

- Inter-linking of Pennaiyar-Palar rivers.

- Dam Rehabilitation and Improvement Project (DRIP) at a project cost of Rs.745.49 crores.

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"Tamil Nadu is a State that delivers and we need partners who can see growth both in the old and the new economy and participate in the generation and creation of wealth".

- Hon'ble Chief Minister **Selvi J Jayalalithaa**

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT

ACHIEVEMENTS GALORE TO ADVANCE ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Hon'ble Minister for Animal Husbandry
Thiru **T.K.M. Chinnayya**

- ✶ Scheme for Free distribution of Milch Cows and Goats/Sheep was implemented in 21 Districts and 31 Districts respectively at a total cost of Rs.405 crores. So far, 24,000 beneficiaries have been provided with Milch Cows and 2,50,000 beneficiaries with Goats / Sheep.

- Further, about 80,000 litres of milk is being procured by TCMPF (Aavin) every day from the milch cows distributed under this scheme.

- As on 31.3.13, 2,41,467 kids/lambs have been born to the Goats / Sheep given and 2,185 calves to the Milch Cows distributed under this Scheme & 8,806 animals are pregnant.

- Under NABARD RIDF XVII scheme, Rs.97.48 crore is earmarked for construction of 360 veterinary institutions, out of which work has been completed in 143 institutions. The works on development of the 12 District Livestock farms at a cost of Rs.24.69 crores are under various stages of completion.

- Under State Infrastructure Development Programme, Rs.25 crores was earmarked annually and 792 buildings were renovated.

- Under State Fodder Development Scheme, at a cost of Rs.35.23 crores, 24,000 acres of farmers own land were brought under high-yielding fodder crops under irrigated condition and 16,000 acres were brought under rainfed fodder crops.

- In order to ensure better utilization of fodder crops and reduce wastage, 5,043 power-operated chaff cutters have been distributed at a cost of Rs.6.31 crores to the farmers at 75% subsidy.

- Further, 1,954 acres of land were brought under rain-gun irrigation which has been provided at 100% subsidy for small farmers and at 75% subsidy to other farmers, at a cost of Rs.4.10 crores. Totally, 1,954 rain-guns have been distributed to farmers.

- Fodder seed production units are being set up, at a cost of Rs.184.8 crores, in 30 acres of Department livestock farms at

Eachenkottai, Orathanadu and Hosur to produce quality fodder seed for distribution to farmers.

- ✶ Under National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP) Scheme, 2,000 acres of farmers' lands are being brought under high-yielding fodder grass cultivation in 10 districts at a cost of Rs. 2.40 crores.

- ✶ 6,636 Uzhavar Peruvizha camps were conducted to facilitate dissemimation of knowledge and skills among farmers, at a cost of Rs.1.51 crore. During these camps, 38,39,550 animals were treated and 8,91,356 farmers benefited.

- ✶ 495 buffaloes with calves were purchased at a cost of Rs. 90.71 lakhs and distributed to SHG women at 50% subsidy under "Empowering Women through buffalo rearing Scheme".

- ✶ In order to replicate the success of poultry business in Namakkal and neighbouring districts, the Scheme for Poultry Development has been launched in the State. A sum of Rs.22.35 crore has been earmarked. Loans have been sanctioned for 1,118 broiler farms and 523 Native Chicken Farms. Construction of Poultry Sheds has been completed for 344 Native Chicken Farms and chicks have been stocked in 257 farms. Similarly, shed construction work has been completed for 135 Broiler farms and broiler chicks have been stocked in 71 farms.

- ✶ 'Kalnadai Padukappu Thittam' camps were conducted at a cost of Rs. 4.62 crores, benefiting 14.86 lakh farmers and 131.82 lakh livestock.

- ✶ To protect the livestock and prevent distress sale of livestock by farmers in Tamil Nadu, especially in the Delta Districts, Rs.15 crore has been sanctioned for dry fodder production

& distribution and Rs.5 crore for green fodder production to livestock farmers at subsidised prices.

- To protect the livestock against endemic livestock diseases, 119.09 lakh PPR vaccination has been carried out in the following numbers - 186.17 lakhs Foot and Mouth Disease, 52.72 lakhs Anthrax, 4.93 lakhs Black Quarter, 9.8 lakhs Haemorlagic septicaemia, 4.63 lakhs sheep pox.

- Under Tamil Nadu – IAMWARM project the following activities are being carried out at a cost of Rs.13.72 crores. 9.75 lakhs animals were inseminated free of cost, 11,287.5 acres were brought under fodder coverage, 1,601 Azolla fodder cultivation model demonstrations and 3,440 fertility camps were conducted, 4.33 lakhs sheep and 4.07 lakhs of heifer calves were de-wormed, exposure visits were made to 3,200 farmers, 33,470 animals were provided mineral mixture and 29,640 animals were provided with mineral licks.

- Western Ghat Development Scheme is being implemented at a total cost of Rs.1.55 crores in 8 districts in which 59 acres of farmers land were brought under fodder cultivation, 2,379 beneficiaries were supplied with Giriraja birds at 50% subsidy, 290 beneficiaries were distributed Goat/Sheep at 50% subsidy, and 364 beneficiaries were supplied with crossbred heifer calves at 50% subsidy. Besides these, concentrates at 100% subsidy were distributed and inferility camps conducted.

- 121 new vehicles have been provided to the department at a cost of Rs.5.94 crores for efficient animal husbandry work.

- 385 Sub centres have been upgraded as Rural Veterinary Dispensaries manned by Veterinary Assistant Surgeon. 585 veterinary Assistant Surgeon posts and 585 Animal Husbandry Assistant posts have been created.

- 798 Animal Husbandry Assistant Doctors have been recruited to work in the Veterinary Institutions to facilitate delivery of Veterinary Services. 303 Livestock Inspectors and 1,191 Livestock Maintenance Assistants were appointed.

- At a cost of Rs. 25.85 lakhs, 20 Veterinary Dispensaries and 50 Veterinary Sub-centres were newly created.

Tamil Nadu Veterinary Animal Sciences University (TANUVAS)

- New Veterinary Colleges have been set up at Orathanadu in Thanjavur District, at a cost of Rs.16.34 crores and at Tirunelveli at a cost of 12.59 crores.

- The Merit Scholarship for PG Students has been enhanced from Rs. 500/- to Rs. 4,000/- per month.

- Merit scholarship of Rs. 5,000/- per month has been sanctioned for Ph.D. students.

- Eight new courses were started at TANUVAS. Eight PG Diploma courses were started through Distance education (online mode).

- 18 short term skill development courses were started.

- 14 short term self employment programmes were started.

- B.V.Sc. & A.H. courses were offered in Tamil.

- TANUVAS received the "NAIP Best Performance Award" from ICAR on 15.06.2012.

- TANUVAS was conferred with the prestigious "Sardar Patel Outstanding ICAR Institution Award-2011" from ICAR on 16.07.2012.

- A total of sixteen new technologies have been developed.
- Under National Agricultural Development Programme (NADP), 10 schemes with a total outlay of Rs. 5 crores during the year 2011-12.
- Under National Agricultural Development Programme (NADP), 16 schemes with a total outlay of Rs. 27.89 crore during the year 2012-13.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated seven new buildings of TANUVAS for Veterinary University Training and Research Centre (VUTRC) Salem; Boy's Hostel for UG students, PG Girl's Hostel and Quality monitoring and Certification Centre at Fisheries College and Research Centre, Thoothukudi; Instructional Livestock Farm complex and Milking Parlour at VC&RI, Namakkal and Internet Kiosk at MVC, Chennai built at a cost of Rs. 1.64 crores.
- Institute of poultry production and Management has been established in 80 acres at Hosur with international standard at the cost of Rs. 45.96 crores.

Schemes for 2013-2014

- Upgradation of 100 Veterinary Sub-Centres into Veterinary Hospitals at a cost of Rs.6.93 crores.
- New buildings for 450 veterinary hospitals at a cost of Rs.115 crores

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INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

AN INDUSTRIAL SURGE FOR A NEW AGE

Hon'ble Minister for Industries
Thiru **P. Thangamani**

- ✶ 17 MoUs with Indian companies and MNCs with a total investment of Rs.26,625 crores. Direct and Indirect employment for 1.46 lakh persons.

- ✶ The Honourable Chief Minister inaugurated 600 tpd Cement Plant of TNPL set up at a cost of Rs.100 crores on 30.1.2013. Cement will be produced from lime slurry and fly ash in this plant, the first of its kind in India.

- ✶ The Honourable Chief Minister inaugurated the Rs.3,375 crores L&T Port and Shipbuilding Complex on 30.1.2013 in Kattupalli, Ponneri Taluk of Tiruvallur District.

* A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in the presence of Hon'ble Chief Minister on 10.01.2012 with Japan External Trade Organization to set up a business support centre in Chennai.
* A Memorandum of Understanding was signed in the presence of Honourable Chief Minister on 13.12.2012 to set up Solar Power Parks in 500 acres in Paramakudi Taluk, Ramanathapuram District at a cost of Rs.920 crores, to generate 100 MW.
* Tamil Nadu Industrial Investment Corporation Limited (TIIC) introduced a new scheme to provide loans to entrepreneurs at a rate of 3% interest less than open market borrowing.
* The promoters contribution has been reduced to 10% for purchase of Generator sets under the Generator Loan Scheme to Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises.
* Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL) will set up a Wet Ground Calcium Carbonate Manufacturing Unit with the production capacity of 100 Tons per day.
* Tamil Nadu Newsprint and Papers Limited (TNPL) has planted pulp wood trees in 1,600 acres in the Noyyal river bed area for reclamation of polluted soil.
* State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited (SIPCOT) earned a net profit of Rs.197.60 crores in 2011-12. It is expected to earn a net profit of Rs.218.14 crores in 2012-13.
* The production of Limestone was 15,000 tonnes per month. It has been increased to 60,000 tonnes per month in 2012-13 by Tamil Nadu Minerals Limited (TAMIN).
* Black Granite worth Rs.13.64 crore was exported by TAMIN, a record.
* In 2011-12, the mineral revenue was Rs.835.71 crores. In 2012-13, it is Rs.941.64 crores, which is the highest revenue achieved in the history of the Department of Geology and Mining.
* Tamil Nadu Magnesite Limited (TANMAG) has sold 61,491 tons of Dunite in 2012-13, the highest ever Dunite sales achieved. It earned a profit of Rs.23.99 crores.

- In 2012-13, Tamil Nadu Salt Corporation Limited (TANSALT) achieved its highest production of salt of 1.77 lakh tonnes.
- An Industrial Infrastructure fund of Rs.100 crores has been created for the maintenance of infrastructural facilities in SIPCOT's Industrial Parks.
- Five Co-operative Sugar Mills received National Awards for the year 2011-2012 for productivity, financial management and performance.

Schemes for 2013-2014

- Land bank of 25,000 acres created through SIPCOT, for industrial growth.
- New Shipyard at Thoothukudi with public, private sector participation.
- To attract investment of Rs.1,90,000 crores, industrial corridor in Madurai-Thoothukudi.
- "Tamil Nadu Industrial Encouragement Scheme" to ensure investment of Rs.770 crores in the coming 3 years for small and medium infrastructure schemes.

Special Initiatives Department

Chennai Metro Rail Project

- Chennai Metro Rail Project covering two corridors for a length of 45 km is under implementation of which 24 km is underground and 21 km is elevated.
- 75% of construction work relating to elevated viaducts / metro stations, 35% of construction work relating to underground metro stations and associated tunnel and 55% of construction work relating to Depot have been completed.
- Currently 10 Tunnel Boring Machines are under operation and 2.7 km of tunnel excavation has been completed.
- Track works completed for a length of 5.25 km; first train set has been manufactured and the production of remaining train sets has started.

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HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES DEPARTMENT

WEAVING HAPPINESS FOR WEAVERS

Hon'ble Minister for Handlooms and Textiles
Dr. **S. Sundararaj**

HANDLOOMS AND TEXTILES

- ✶ Tamil Nadu Co-operative Textile processing Mills at Erode is functioning very well and earned a profit of Rs.4.20 crores for 2012–2013. A sum of Rs.5.82 crores has been released in 2013-2014 for modernising the mill.
- ✶ Under the Old Age Pension scheme, the monthly pension and family pension have been enhanced to Rs.1,000/- benefiting 20,222 handloom weavers under Old Age Pension Scheme and 1,549 beneficiaries under Family Pension Scheme.
- ✶ Under Savings and Security scheme, the discontinued matching contribution of Government of India has been made good by Government of Tamil Nadu benefiting 76,051 weavers enrolled in this scheme.
- ✶ It was decided to reopen the closed Ramanathapuram District Co-operative Spinning Mills and an allotment of Rs.18.43 crores was made for its modernization. The 5 functional Co-operative Spinning Mills at Kanniyakumari, Pudukkottai, Kovilpatti, Theni and Krishnagiri have been ordered to be modernized at a cost of Rs.105 crores.

- The procedure to sanction 4% interest subsidy has been simplified from quarterly sanction to monthly sanction. It resulted in the increased sanction of Interest subsidy to the extent of Rs.17.50 crores which is Rs.4.50 crores higher than last year.
- Under the scheme for distribution of dhothis and sarees at no cost, pre-loom wages have been increased and an amount of Rs.20.50 is given per saree and Rs.10.30 per dhoti to handloom weavers. Orders have been passed to disburse Rs.2.60 crores as Pre-loom wages to 875 handloom weavers societies.
- Co-optex launched the "Buy two get one free" scheme, in the year 2011–2012 and continued it in 2012-2013. Sale proceeds totalled Rs.61 crores.
- Co-optex achieved the record retail sale of Rs.128 crores for Deepavali 2012 and Rs.52.45 crores for Pongal 2013.
- Co-optex achieved a maximum retail sale of Rs.244.64 crores, its highest in its 78 year history.
- Rs.200 crores has been released as interest free loan for purchase of additional machinery to use the Nano and Brine Technology in the common effluent treatment plants at Tiruppur.

DEPARTMENT OF SERICULTURE

- The subsidy for the installation of Drip irrigation system in Mulberry gardens has been enhanced from 75% to 100% from the year 2011-2012.
- The subsidy assistance for planting Mulberry has been enhanced from Rs.4,125/- to Rs.6,750/- per acre, subject to maximum of Rs.16,875/- per hectare from 2012-2013.
- The subsidy assistance for procurement of silkworm rearing appliances and farm equipments has been enhanced from Rs.30,000/- to Rs.37,500/- per farmer, from 2012-2013.

- The subsidy assistance for silk worm rearing has been increased as follows:

  From Rs.75,000 to Rs.1,00,000 for silk worm rearing sheds of 1500 Sq. Ft area;

  From Rs.50,000 to Rs.75,000 for 1000 Sq.Ft to 1500 Sq.Ft area;

  From Rs.25,000 to Rs.37,500 for 700 Sq.Ft to 1000 Sq.Ft. area; from 2012-2013.

- The monthly Tamil magazine 'PATTU MALAR', which was priced at Rs.11 earlier, is now subsidized and is being supplied at Rs.2 from September 2012, to help farmers learn about the latest sericulture technologies. 19,000 sericulture farmers benefit every month.

- Tamil Nadu has retained its 'Number one' position in the country, surpassing traditional Sericulture States in bivoltine silk production.

TAMILNADU HANDICRAFTS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD,

- The Corporation has increased the wages by 100 percent to its artisans working in the Poompuhar Production units so that they earn between Rs.15,000/- to Rs.20,000/- a month. This has also resulted in the enhancement of wages to the artisans working in the private sector.

- After the present Government assumed office, a new award called "Poompuhar District Craft Award" with a cash prize of Rs.5,000/- and a merit certificate has been introduced to motivate the handicrafts artisans. This award is given every year to 85 craftspersons (including 17 women artisans) in 16 important crafts.

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TOURISM DEPARTMENT

INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN TOURIST SPOTS

Hon'ble Minister for Tourism
Thiru **P. Chendur Pandian**

- ✶ Steps to boost Tourism include Tourism Parks with all facilities at one place/Seven Rural Tourism Clusters in the Districts/Development of 4 Major Tourist Circuits/Skill Development Programme/Wayside

Amenities/Clean Toilet Campaign/ Promotion of Cruise Tourism and Heli Tourism.

- A special Tourism Infrastructure Development Project for beautification of tourist centres and improvement of basic facilities, along the East Coast Corridor and in Southern Circuit, will be implemented with the financial assistance from the Asian Development Bank, with an outlay of Rs.500 crores during 2012-2017.

- A sum of Rs.45 crores has been sanctioned to improve the basic facilities in the 15 tourist places of Srirangam, Mannargudi, Kolli Hills, Srivanchiyam, Elakurichi, Tiruchuzhi, Thirukkostiyur, Sivagangai, Manamelkudi, Aykudi, Thoothukudi, Irukkankudi, Chettinadu, Rameswaram and Thirukkadayur and the works are in progress. Under State Funded Schemes, a sum of Rs.9.93 crores has been sanctioned to develop the roads connecting the tourist places in the Ten Districts of Thoothukudi, Coimbatore, Erode, Dharmapuri, Thanjavur, Nagapattinam, Cuddalore, Kanchipuram, Virudhunagar and Sivagangai. Through highways department, improvement of tourist roads and improvement of infrastructure in 18 districts has been taken up.

- A sum of Rs.23.82 crores was sanctioned for the Development of Seven Tourism Projects with Central Financial Assistance in Javadhu Hills, Thanjavur, Yercaud, Courtallam, Chennai (Music College), Muttukadu and Jain Thirthashetras.

- Tourism Development works at cost a of Rs.20.67 crores in Kallanai, Vaigai Dam, Thiruvanaikaval, Jedarpalayam and Yercaud. Tourist Interpretation Centre and auditorium at Srirangam at a cost of Rs.3.17 crores.

- ✶ A Trust for the maintenance and funding of renovated Danish Governor's Bungalow at Tranquebar in Nagapattinam District has been formed.

- ✶ Consultants have been selected for the preparation of Detailed Project Reports of Tourism Projects and for appointing Media Consultant.

- ✶ Permission has been granted to the Commissioner of Tourism to engage Tamil Nadu Urban Infrastructure Financial Services Ltd as consultant for the following:

  -Drafting Tourism Policy for Tamil Nadu

  -Preparation of the '10 Year Action Plan' for Tamil Nadu Tourism

  -Preparation of Detailed Project Report for the development of East Coast Road Tourism Corridor.

- ✶ As in the "Vision Document 2023" issued by Hon'ble Chief Minister, necessary steps are being taken for preparing the draft New Tourism Policy for Tamil Nadu.

- A sum of Rs.3.17 crores has been sanctioned (2012-2013) under Central Financial Assistance for the Construction of Convention Centre at Srirangam and the works are in progress.

- A sum of Rs.36.31 crores has been sanctioned under Central Financial Assistance for the Development of Madurai, Rameswaram, Kanniyakumari under Mega Tourism Project. A sum of Rs. 14.75 crores has been sanctioned for the Development of Thanjavur under Mega Tourism Projects and the works are in progress.

- To conduct litter free awareness campaign programme and to provide decorative dust bins, a sum of Rs.10 lakhs has been sanctioned during 2012-2013.

- A sum of Rs.3.10 crores has been sanctioned (2012-2013) for the development of a Park in Mukkombu in Srirangam Constituency in Tiruchi Districts.

- Tamil Nadu Tourism had conducted Indian Dance Festival 2013 in an impressive manner with eminent and talented artistes from all over India participating in the events. Totally 116 cultural programmes (Classical programme 88 Nos. and Folk arts 28 programmes) have been conducted.

- Hon’ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu inaugurated the completed Projects of Eco-Tourism Park at Thiruparankundram in Madurai District.

- The completed Tourism Project of Dhyanamandapam at Pasumpon in Ramanathapuram District has been inaugurated for visiting tourists and public.

- ✶ Tamil Nadu Tourism participated in the World Travel Market 2012 held at London and International Tourism Bourse 2012 held at Berlin and distributed pen drive' version of new information brochures on Tamil Nadu and documentary film to the tourists / Stake Holders in Tourism Industry.
- ✶ Tamil Nadu Tourism participated in the Pushkar Fair 2012 in Rajasthan State. The Tamil Nadu Tourism pavilion won the second prize in the Pushkar Fair.
- ✶ Due to the keen efforts of the Tourism Department the arrivals of foreign and domestic tourists rose from 32% to 32.17% in 2011 and in 2012, it has increased to 34.01%. It is planned to improve infrastructure facilities for improving the number of tourist arrivals.
- ✶ Orders issued for Establishment of Tamil Nadu Maritime Heritage Museum at Mamallapuram at a cost of 250 crores.
- ✶ Rs.10 crore Advertisement Campaign on the theme "Let's Visit Tamil Nadu 2014" to give a boost to tourism.
- ✶ Spiritual tours to 108 Amman Temples during the month of Aadi.
- ✶ Sri Ram Navami – Rama Temple Tour introduced

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COMMERCIAL TAXES AND REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT

SHIELDING THE PEOPLE FROM TAX BURDEN

Hon'ble Minister for Commercial Taxes and Registration
Thiru **B.V. Ramanaa**

Commercial taxes with a heart for the people

- The Government has sanctioned a complete end-to-end computerization project at a total cost of Rs.230.96 crores.
- VAT exemption to the tune of Rs.87 crores per annum given on agricultural implements and inputs to benefit the farmers.
- The Government fully exempted VAT with effect form 1.4.2012 on Wheat, Oats, Insulin, Hand-made locks, Feeding Bottles and Nipples and Helmets.
- The Government reduced VAT from 14.5% to 5% on electrically-operated two wheelers (e-bikes), splints and veneers for Match Industry, sanitary napkins and diapers and compact fluorescent lamps including compact fluorescent tubes.
- The Government has exempted LPG for domestic use from imposition of VAT. This helps subsidise cooking gas by Rs.14.73 per cylinder for 1.36 crore households, at a total cost of Rs.120 crores to the Government.
- Appointment orders on compassionate grounds were issued to 15 dependants of deceased Government employees.
- Rs.20.15 crore was sanctioned for construction of new buildings for 34 Commercial Tax Offices at 15 locations. Rs.11.18 crore

was sanctioned for construction of new office buildings for 16 Commercial Tax Offices at 10 locations.

Registration Department

- "Samadhan" scheme was implemented for a period of three months from 1.11.2011 to 31.1.2012. 23,804 documents were returned to public and the Government also realized locked-revenue of Rs.140.83 crores.
- Appointment orders on compassionate grounds were issued to 17 dependants of deceased Government Employees.
- Rs.26.00 crores was sanctioned for construction of Own buildings for 52 Sub-Registrar Offices.
- The Government reduced the stamp duty on Registration from 6% to 5% with effect from 1.4.2012.
- In order to provide speedy and transparent service to the Registrant Public, the Government sanctioned Rs.117.34 crore for web-based software.
- The Government sanctioned Rs.3.50 crore for installation of IP Cameras in all Sub-Registrar Offices.
- For uninterrupted service to the Registrant Public, the Government has sanctioned Rs.4.50 crore for providing Generators to 150 Sub-Registrar Offices.
- In order to protect poor people from the increase in Guideline value, the Government increased the ceiling limit for availing stamp duty and registration fee exemption from Rs.5000/- to 25,000/-.
- 17 integrated Registration Offices and 100 stand alone Sub-Registrar offices sanctioned at a cost of Rs.74.90 crore.

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ADI DRAVIDAR AND TRIBAL WELFARE DEPARTMENT

UNIVERSALLY LAUDED STEPS FOR ADI DRAVIDAR WELFARE

Hon'ble Minister for Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare

Thiru. **N. Subramanian**

- ✶ The scale of finance for taking up self-employment ventures through TAHDCO has been stepped up to Rs.7.50 lakhs with 30 per cent subsidy or Rs.2.25 lakhs, whichever is less.
- ✶ Counselling Centres started to encourage Adi Dravida entrepreneurs.
- ✶ Increase of monthly feeding charges for SC/ST school and college hostel students from Rs.450/- to Rs.650/- and for college students from Rs.650/- to 750/-.
- ✶ Upgradation of 10 Middle Schools as High Schools and 10 High Schools as Higher Secondary Schools.
- ✶ A special grant of Rs.39 crores to provide toilet facilities in 779 Adi Dravidar Welfare schools.
- ✶ Allocation of Rs.43 crores for distribution of free bicycles to SC/ST students.
- ✶ Allocation of Rs.246 crores for Tribal Welfare.
- ✶ A special grant of Rs.10.76 crores for the development of Vulnerable Tribal Groups.

* Rs.13.26 crores as Share Capital Assistance to TAHDCO.
* Certificates to 43 students who completed film industry training at NFDC recommended through TAHDCO.
* Government to bear the compulsory fees including the Tuition fees fixed for SC/ST/SCC students admitted in self-financing colleges.
* Increase of Award amount to Rs.6,000 for SC students who secure highest marks in 12th Standard Public examination at District level.
* Increase of Award amount for the first three positions to Rs.2,000, Rs.1,000 and Rs.500 respectively for those who secure highest marks in 10th Standard Public examination at District level.
* Increase of Award amount under Chief Minister's Merit Award, from Rs.1,500/- to Rs.3,000/- per year.
* Increase of Award amount under Annal Gandhi memorial award, for the first year from Rs.1,500/- to Rs.2,000/- and for the next five years from Rs.1,000/- to Rs.1,500/-.
* Increase of special scholarship amount to students who pursue degree courses from Rs.6,500/- to Rs.7,500/- and for the Post Graduate and Professional courses students Rs.7,000/- to Rs.8,000/-.
* In the Government Public Examinations of 10th and 12th, each Headmaster bringing out 95% passes is paid Rs.10,000/- and subject teachers who bring out 100% success in their subjects are awarded Rs.5,000/-.
* Under the special incentive scheme, the incentive for converted Christian students who do not stay in the Adi Dravidar Hostels has

been raised from the Rs.65/- to Rs.125/- range to the Rs.100/- to Rs.175/- range. For those students who stay in the hostels, the incentive has been raised from the Rs.115/- to Rs.250/- range to the Rs.175/- to Rs.350/- range.

- Increase of miscellaneous charges for soap, oil etc., to school students, from Rs.25 to Rs.50/- and for college students from Rs.35/- to Rs.75/-.
- 1,500 additional seats in Adi Dravidar / Tribal Hostels.
- Additional allocation of Rs.32 crores to reduce dropouts and encourage girl students to continue education under Girls Education Incentive Scheme.
- Allocation of Rs.25 crores under Special State Allowance for skill development and entrepreneurship development programme for 25,000 youth.
- Allocation of Rs.331 crores for the Educational Scholarship of 10th standard and above.
- Allocation of Rs.50 crores under Comprehensive Tribal Development programme.
- Own buildings for 93 SC/ST student's hostels running in private rented buildings at a cost of estimate of Rs.68.15 crores.
- Allocation of Rs.76.33 crores for upgradation of essential infrastructure facilities in 1,059 students hostels.
- Increase of incentive to Rs.10 lakhs under Select Village Scheme for eradication of untouchability in each district.
- Allocation of Rs.5.28 crores for the provision of Two-Tier Steel cots to college hostel students.

- Increase of amount to Rs.50,000 for candidates who pass UPSC Preliminary Exam of the Central Government.
- Separate state-level awards for Adi Dravidar, Scheduled Tribes and Adi Dravidars converted to Christianity who are studying 12th standard and secure the first 3 places. The first prize given is Rs.50,000/-, the second Rs.30,000/- and the third Rs.20,000/-.
- Increase of cash award to writers to Rs.40,000/- to SC/ST/SCC writers and to one non-SC writer for best Literary work.
- 25 new Adi Dravidar and Tribal Welfare hostels at the cost of Rs.3.82 crores.
- For protecting the healthy environment of students of 582 hostels and GTR schools, supply of Napkin burners at the cost of Rs.1.46 crores.
- Allocation of Rs.30 crores for renovation / special repairs in 200 Adi Dravidar Welfare primary schools.

Schemes for 2013-2014

- Rs.7,042 crores allocated for Adi Dravida Welfare. This is an increase of Rs.15.29 crores.
- Rs.489.48 crores allotted for Welfare of Scheduled Tribes.
- Rs.479.87 crores allotted for Educational assistance. This is a 10.62% increase.
- Rs.56.34 crores for Bicycles at no cost.
- New buildings for 44 hostels at a cost of Rs.35.04 crores.

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TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

NEW BUSES, NEWER LEVELS IN TRAVEL COMFORT

Hon'ble Minister for Transport

Thiru. **V. Senthil Balaji**

- ✶ Government has sanctioned Mono Rail scheme to be implemented in three corridors with a total length of 57 km in first phase under DBFOT model, with an investment of Rs.8,500 crores.
- ✶ Government has sanctioned establishment of a 25 MW Solar Power Plant in Ramanathapuram District.

- Government has sanctioned purchase of 6,000 new Buses at a cost of Rs.1,026 crores during the period 2011-13.
- 424 old Buses have been renovated till March 2013.
- Number of scheduled Bus services has been increased from 19,167 to 20,500.
- Rs.700 crores has been allotted to the Transport Corporations so that the burden of the diesel price rise effected by the Central Government does not fall on the people.
- For the first time, Seven Buses that are Differently-abled Friendly have been introduced in MTC in November 2011, for the easy boarding and alighting of Differently abled persons.
- Online E-ticketing facility for long distance routes has been introduced.
- Introduction of GPS compatible GPRS-based electronic ticketing system through hand-held devices. Pilot Scheme has been introduced in MTC and SETC.
- 71 Bus ticket reservation counters have been opened at various locations in the State for the convenience of long-distance passengers till March 2013.
- Facilities have been upgraded in 37 Motels from November 2011.
- Introduction of Parcel and Courier Services to generate additional revenue.
- Smart Card type Bus passes have been issued to 25 lakh students under free Travel Concession Pass Scheme by all State Transport Undertakings.

- ✶ "Travel As You Please tickets" facility has been extended to Vellore, Erode, Tiruppur and Thoothukudi Municipal Corporation areas to encourage commuters from June 2012.
- ✶ Under Master Health Check-up Programme introduced by the present Government, 18,003 STUs' Drivers aged above 45 have undergone full body check-up.
- ✶ C.T. Scan Machine has been purchased at a cost of Rs.1.28 crore and installed at the Perundurai Medical College Hospital.
- ✶ Rs.91.52 Lakh has been sanctioned by the Government to the Drivers as an incentive under accident-free service scheme.
- ✶ 223 two tier cots at a cost of Rs.17 lakhs have been provided at Koyambedu CMBT Crew Rest Room.
- ✶ Rs.199.08 crores has been disbursed to 2.79 lakhs workers as 20% Bonus and ex-gratia.
- ✶ Rs.82.85 crores has been disbursed as pension commutation to 3,771 pensioners in two Phases.
- ✶ Enhancement of Festival advance from Rs.2000/- to Rs.5000/- in the year 2012-13.
- ✶ Out of 16,661 vacancies, 16179 Drivers / Conductors and Technical posts have been filled up.
- ✶ Infrastructure facilities have been upgraded in 115 crew rest rooms in existing depots and bus-stands, at a cost of Rs.41.65 Lakhs in 2011-12 and in 2012-13 at a cost of Rs.111.72 Lakhs covering in 152 existing depots.

- ✶ 321 wards of employees of TNSTC have been appointed on compassionate ground.
- ✶ The services of 9,157 reserve crew have been regularized out of 9157.
- ✶ Leave with pay for differently abled persons working in TNSTC on 3rd December of every year is being allowed.
- ✶ Approval has been given to introduce Diploma in Mechanical Engineering Course in IRT Polytechnic colleges.
- ✶ Rs.40 crores has been sanctioned for Out–of-Court settlements to Accident victims under the "Accident Claim Settlement Fund Scheme".
- ✶ A sum of Rs.13.91 crores has been given to STUs to release 219 Court attached Buses.
- ✶ 531 Bus Depots have been renovated by providing cement concrete flooring at a cost of Rs.9.31 crores.
- ✶ 'E' auction system has been successfully introduced for the disposal of condemned Buses in all STUs.
- ✶ Action is being taken to establish 42 new depots.
- ✶ Union Planning Commission has appreciated the State Transport Undertakings of our State for the best achievement in physical parameter in the year 2011-2012.
- ✶ Fuel efficiency of buses increased from 5.25 KMPL to 5.27 KMPL.

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SAILING WITH FISHERMEN THROUGH THICK AND THIN

Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries
Thiru. **K.A.Jayapal**

- ✶ The Government has enhanced fishing ban period relief assistance from Rs. 1,000/- to Rs. 2,000/-and disbursed an amount of Rs. 63 crores to 3.13 lakh families.

- Rs. 4000/- per family as a special allowance to marine Fishermen families during the fishing lean period was introduced benefiting 2.76 lakh families at an amount of Rs.111 crores.
- For conversion of mechanized fishing boats and upgradation / replacement of traditional motorized crafts into tuna long-liner, a sum of Rs.5 crore was sanctioned.
- Establishment of Fish Processing Parks under PPP mode at Cuddalore and Nagapattinam district is in progress, at an approximate cost of Rs. 14 crore and Rs. 23 crores respectively in the first phase.
- For the establishment of Tamil Nadu Fisheries University at Nagapattinam, Rs.18.10 crores was sanctioned and Rs. 8 crores released during 2012-13.
- For establishment of Fisheries Institute of Technology at Ponneri in Tiruvallur District and Nagapattinam district, the Government has sanctioned Rs.34.07 crores for each Institute and has released Rs. 7 crores for each during 2012-13.
- Under National Savings cum Relief Scheme, 3,44,702 beneficiaries have been disbursed Rs. 41.27 crores.
- Under National Savings cum Relief Scheme for marine fisherwomen, 2,95,986 beneficiaries have been disbursed Rs. 34.49 crores.
- For motorization of traditional crafts, Rs. 6.46 crore was released to 2,450 beneficiaries.
- 5,000 traditional fishermen of Thoothukudi, Tirunelveli and Kanyakumari districts are provided industrial kerosene at a subsidized price of Rs. 25/- per litre. For this, Rs.94.83 crores was released.
- For augmenting the productivity of marine eco system, installation of Artificial Reefs in 17 places at a cost of Rs 2.63 crores is in progress.

- Financial assistance of Rs.41.25 lakhs has been provided to 88 fisherfolk youth for undergoing Maritime Education.
- Modernisation of Chennai Fishing Harbour has been taken up at a cost of Rs. 16.23 crores under NFDB and Tsunami Rehabilitation Programme and the work is in progress.
- Additional funds of Rs. 60.65 crores for Colachel Fishing Harbour, Rs.57.40 crores for Thengapattinam fishing harbor and Rs. 73.52 crores for Chinnamuttom fishing harbor in Kanyakumari district have been sanctioned for upgradation and work is in progress.
- Feasibility study is in progress for construction a Fishing Harbour at Manakudi in Kanyakumari District under PPP mode at an approximate cost of Rs.50 crores.
- Under Centrally Shared Scheme, Rs.78.50 crores has been sanctioned for the fishing harbour in Poompuhar in Nagapattinam district.
- Rs.10.34 crores has been sanctioned under NFDB assistance for improvement of Cuddalore fishing harbour and work is in progress.
- Construction of Fishing Harbour at Muttom and Rajakkamangalam in Kanyakumari district under BOOT system is in progress.
- A fishing harbour is to be constructed at Mookaiyur in Ramanathapuram district at an approximate cost or Rs. 50 crores under Centrally Shared Scheme. Preparation of Detailed Project Report is in progress.
- Under NFDB assistance, modernization of Fish landing Centre at Jegathapattinam in Pudukottai District at a cost of Rs.78.93 lakhs and Mudasalodai in Cuddalore District at a cost of Rs.7.78 crores have been taken up and work is in progress.
- Under NABARD – RIDF assistance, construction of Fish Landing Centres at 11 places along the Tamil Nadu coast at a cost of Rs. 62.95 crores and construction of fish seed farms at 12 places at a cost of Rs.37.05 crores are in progress.

- To help traditional fishermen, Solar Hybrid Guide lights have been installed at ten places at a cost of Rs 1.03 crore.
- Modernisation of Fishing Harbour at Nagapattinam and Pazhayar, Fish Landing Centre at Annankovil and Nagore along with stabilization of two bar mouths is in progress at a cost of Rs.103.24 crores under ETRP scheme.
- Under National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP), Rs.50 lakhs has been disbursed for establishing 10 Fish Seed Production Centres.
- A sum of Rs 1.07 crores has been released for the purchase of 45 FRP boats for conservancy of Reservoirs. 18 boats have been supplied so far.
- Rs 85.81 lakhs has been released for purchase of FRP Boats to provide training on Tuna long line fishing.
- Development of Integrated Model for Coastal Aquaculture at Parangipettai is in progress at a cost of Rs. 1.35 crores, under NADP assistance.
- 1,300 marine fishermen have been provided Capacity Building – Training through exposure visit to other States at a cost of Rs. 85.85 lakhs.
- Strengthening of communication in the inland fisheries sector has been made at a cost of Rs.6.30 lakhs under part II scheme.
- For 2012-13, an amount of Rs.20.81 crore has been sanctioned under National Agriculture Development Programme (NADP) for renovation of Government farms, Capacity building of staff, squid jigging and modernization of Fish Retail Outlets. Works are in progress.
- The Tamil Nadu Fisheries Development Corporation has established a Fish Dressing Centre at Nagapattinam with financial assistance of Rs. 1 crore from National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB).

- Upgradation of infrastructure facilities at a cost of Rs.12 crores in Thoothukudi Fishing Harbour with financial assistance from National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) is in progress.
- Under TN IAMWARM project, Rs. 6.96 crores has been sanctioned for 2012-13 for 40 sub basins covering 14 districts towards implementation of various inland fisheries schemes. For Cage culture & Integrated aquaculture, Rs.12.92 crores has been sanctioned and works are under progress. To increase the fish production of inland water bodies, various schemes have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs.3.66 crores.
- Under NFDB, to enhance the fishery productivity of reservoirs 69.26 lakhs Advanced Fingerlings have been stocked at a cost of Rs.79.04 lakhs during 2011-12.
- The Government of Tamil Nadu has taken a policy decision to lease out all the 53 reservoirs under the control of Fisheries Department in Tamil Nadu to optimize fish production. So far, 7 reservoirs have been leased out for a total amount of Rs.2.44 crore.
- Rs.1.33 crore has been released to 397.5 acres as FFDA subsidies in the year 2011-2012
- Rs.3.33 crores was released as BFDA subsidy during 2011-12.
- TNFDC is operating 13 mobile fish retail outlets at a cost of Rs.1.11 crore.
- TNFDC has established a Fish Handling centre at Santhome, Chennai at a cost of Rs. 93 lakhs and another such facility is to be established in Coimbatore at a cost of Rs. 85 lakhs.
- Government has provided appointment on compassionate grounds for 6 persons after 19 years in TNFDC.
- Rs.89.08 lakhs has been sanctioned to Tamilnadu State Apex Fisheries Co-Operative Federation Ltd., (TAFCOFED) for establishment of a Modern Fish Retail Outlet and Fish Restaurant at Neelankarai in Kancheepuram district.

* Under NADP scheme, a sum of Rs.30.75 lakhs has been sanctioned to TAFCOFED for capacity building by imparting Extension Education and through exposure visit to other States for 20 marine Fisherwomen. Marketing Infrastructure is also to be strengthened.
* Enhancement of subsidy from 25% to 50% to purchase new Tuna long liners to encourage deep sea fishing.
* Fish landing centres across the coast and upgradation of Fishing Harbours at Cuddalore, Pazhayar, Nagapattinam and Thoothukudi at a cost of Rs.245 crores.

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* New Modern fish landing centre at Mudasoloadi in Cuddalure district at a cost of Rs.7.78 crores.
* Two fish processing parks at Ramanathapuram and Thiruvallur districts in Public Private Partnership (PPP) Mode.
* Opening of bar mouth for safe movement of boats at Nagore and Parangipettai at a cost of Rs.20 crores.

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* To ensure the safety of fishermen, Communication Towers across coast line, along with provision of VHF communication sets, in fishing boats worth Rs.20,000 at 75% subsidy and HF sets worth Rs.2.50 lakhs to deep sea fishing boats at 75% subsidy, at an estimate of Rs.8.50 crores.
* Restoration of Chetpet Lake to Spot Fishing-cum-Eco Park at an estimate of Rs.42 crores.
* Expansion and upgradation of Chennai Fishing Harbour at an estimate of Rs.75 crores.

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TAMIL NADU FORGES AHEAD IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Hon'ble Minister for Information Technology
Mukkur Thiru. **N.Subramanian**

- ✶ On-line registration of 12th and 10th standard passed students from their school itself and getting the Employment office registration Card immediately with the same seniority.
- ✶ TamilNadu State Data Centre has been successfully commissioned with effect from 1.8.2011 for supporting e-Governance initiatives under NeGP (National e-Governance Programme).

- Government applications such as TamilNadu Health Systéms Project, Chennai Metro Rail Project, State Election Commission Electoral Roll project, ERP for priceless Fan, Mixie & Grinder, and Laptop scheme etc. are operational in the SDC.
- Tamil Nadu is the first State in the country to obtain ISO/IEC 20000-1:2005 and ISO 27001:2005 certification for Data Centre Operations and Management of Information Security.
- For e-District Project at District level, Orders have been issued to establish District e-Governance Societies in all the Districts.
- For the year 2012, the Government of Tamil Nadu has won the "Web Ratna Award" for exemplary e-Gov initiatives and Comprehensive Web presence.
- The scheme of distribution of laptop computers to the students studying in Government and Government-aided Schools, Colleges was launched. 8,35,407 Laptop Computers had been supplied.

TAMIL NADU ARASU CABLE TV CORPORATION LTD (TNACTV)

- ✶ The Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu launched the cable TV services of TNACTV on 02.09.2011 all over Tamil Nadu except Chennai and in Chennai on 20.10.2012.
- ✶ The monthly subscription for Arasu Cable TV is Rs.70/-. There is a bouquet of 100 Channels. There are 24,361 operators.

Schemes for 2013-2014

- ✶ Promoting Rural Business Process Outsourcing Centres - Rs.10 crores.

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> - Hon'ble Chief Minister
> Selvi J Jayalalithaa

INFORMATION AND SPECIAL PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTATION DEPARTMENT

REACHING INFORMATION TO THE PEOPLE

Hon'ble Minister for Information and Special Programmes Implementation
Thiru. **K.T. Rajenthrabhalaji**

INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT

- Madras Reporters Guild Building at a cost of Rs.39 lakhs was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 18.07.2011.
- Renovation of Press Room at a cost of Rs.20 lakhs was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 03.08.2011.
- Renovation of Photo Gallery at a cost of Rs.14 lakhs.
- Journalist pension has been enhanced from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.6,000/- from 14.09.2011.

- Journalist family pension has been enhanced from Rs.2,500/- to Rs.3,000/- from 14.09.2011.
- Enhancement of DCRG limit from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh for Retired Press Reporters and the ceiling limit of annual income from Rs.1.20 lakh to Rs.2 lakh, for grant of Journalist Pension.
- Media centre and Online Media centre at a cost of Rs.78 lakhs.
- Thiyagi Subraminaya Siva Manimandapam at a cost of Rs.40 lakhs has been inaugurated on 18.7.2011.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated on 20.02.2013, the Thamizhisai Moovar Manimandapam at Sirkali, Freedom fighter Gopal Naicker Manimandapam at Virupatchi, and Omandurar Ramasamy Reddiyar Manimandapam at Omandur, all built at a cost of Rs.3 crores.
- Renovation of the Perarignar Anna and Bharat Ratna Dr. M.G.R. Memorials, the Gandhi Mandapam Campus in Guindy, Kamaraj Manimandapam in Chennai and Kanniyakumari and the Mahamagam Kalaiarangam and construction of ramps for the Differently Abled were completed at a cost of Rs.23 crores. The Hon'ble Chief Minister declared open the renovated Perarignar Anna and Bharat Ratna Dr. M.G.R. Memorials on 9.12.2012.
- Refurbishment of Statue of Mahatma Gandhi in Chennai at a cost of Rs.11.95 lakhs.
- Construction of Memorials for Sindhanai Chirpi Singaravelar and Self Respect Leader N.Jeevarathinam, Thiyagi Sankaralinganar at a cost of Rs.3.15 crores.
- Erection of the Statues of Mozhipor Thiyagi Chidambaranthan in Kanniyakumari, Kizhapazhavoor Chinnasamy in Tiruchi, Kavimani Desiga Vinayagam Pillai in Sucheendram, at a cost of Rs.28 lakhs.
- Construction of Memorial for Freedom Fighter Thiyagi Theeran Chinnamalai at Sankagiri in Salem district at a cost of Rs.60 lakhs.

- ✶ Construction of Memorial for Veeramangai Velu Nachiyar in Sivagangai at a cost of Rs.60 lakhs.
- ✶ Construction of New Kalaiyarangam and State Information Centre at a cost of Rs.63 crores on the Chennai Omanthurar Government Estate.
- ✶ The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered the construction of a Manimandapam for Veera Pandiya Kattabomman at Kayathaaru.
- ✶ The Valedictory of the Centenary Celebrations of Mother Teresa held on 08.04.2012.
- ✶ The birth anniversary of 'Rettaimalai' Sreenivasan was celebrated as a Government Function on 07.07.2011.
- ✶ Centenary of First Woman Film Director of South India T.P. Rajalakshmi to be celebrated.
- ✶ Chithirai Thirunal was celebrated with enthusiasm on 14.4.2012 jointly with the Tamil Development Department.
- ✶ Exhibitions being conducted at Vellore, Thanjavur, Tiruchi, Tiruvannamalai, Thoothukudi and Tirunelveli, every year.
- ✶ As ordered by Hon'ble Chief Minister, Photo Exhibitions were conducted in all Panchayat Unions.

- 143 Government Exhibitions were organized by Information and Public Relations Department and Rs. 29,50,52,000 was earned as profit.
- The M.G.R. Government Film and Television Institute's airconditioned modern shooting floor, renovated at a cost of Rs.1.43 crores was opened on 6.1.2012.
- Reimbursement cost for the production of Films by Students enhanced from Rs.8,000/- to Rs.15,000/- by MGR Govt. Film and TV Institute.
- Students of MGR Film Institute won Awards in All India Film Festival held at Goa.
- As ordered by Hon'ble Chief Minister, a new course of Animation and Motion Picture Visual Effects is to be started at a cost of Rs.9.50 crores during the academic year 2013-2014.
- The Preview Theatre in MGR Government Film and Television Institute to be modernized at a cost of Rs.99 lakhs.
- News Reel Bulletins of Tamil Nadu Films Division to be digitlized at a cost of Rs.75 lakhs.
- Photo Negatives of Perarignar Anna, Puratchi Thalaivar MGR and the Hon'ble Chief Minister Puratchi Thalaivi Amma to be digitalized at a cost of Rs.15.89 lakhs.
- Orders have been issued to purchase One Live Back Bag equipment for Tamil Nadu Films Division at a cost of Rs.18 lakhs.
- 34 new vehicles have been purchased and replaced at a cost of Rs.2.26 crores, to improve the functioning of the Information and Public Relations Department.
- Modern Digital Cameras have been purchased for Headquarters and districts at a cost of Rs.81.58 lakhs.
- Upgradation of Information and Public Relations Offices at a cost of Rs.70 lakhs.

- Electronic Digital Display Screens will be erected in all the District Collectorates at a cost of Rs.106.40 lakhs.
- Tamil Arasu (English Edition) which was published as a Quarterly, is being Published as a monthly from July 2012 onwards.
- A new building for Tamil Arasu Press and Office at a cost of Rs. 5.83 crores.
- CTP (Computer to Plate) machine at a cost of Rs.90 lakhs has been Purchased for Tamilarasu press.
- Short films on "One Year achievements", "Benevolent Schemes for People's Welfare", "People's Government for Fishermen's Welfare" and "Ammavum Annai Tamizhum" produced and released by Tamil Nadu Films Division.
- Jingles on "One year Achievements", "Chithirai Beginning of Tamil New Year", "Assistance to Fishermen during ban period", also released by Tamil Nadu Films Division.
- Video News Magazines on "One year of Achievements – Hundred Years leap forward", "Ammavum Annai Thamizhum", "Denguvai Ozhippom" – part I, "Ungalaal Naan" (Independence Day 2012), "Denguvai Ozhippom" – part II, "Pennycuick", also released by Tamil Nadu Films Division.
- Video News Magazines to be released - "Vithiyai Maatriya Vithi", "Oru Kaiyezhuthu, Maariyadhu Thalaiyezhuthu" (11 Jingles).
- Special Releases of Tamil Arasu: "CM's Speeches" - Tamil Volume – I, "CM's Speeches" - Tamil Volume –II , "CM's Speeches" - English Volume– I, "Vetri Kathaigal", "Amutha Mozhigal", "Coffee Table book", "Pathirigaiyin Paarvaiyil Milirum Saadhanaigal".
- Tamil Arasu Special Issue On "One year Achievement".

Stationery and Printing Department

- ✶ Modernization of the Government Central Press with ultra modern machinery at a cost of Rs.7.70 crores.
- ✶ Night shift allowance raised from Rs.14/- to Rs.25/- a day. 200 technical staff to benefit.
- ✶ Food allowance of Rs. 200 per month to the employees 1,200 technical staff to benefit.
- ✶ The grant for recreational club for the entertainment of all the staff raised from Rs.1 lakh to 2 lakhs.
- ✶ To enforce e-Governance in the Stationery and Printing Directorate, Government Central Press and branch printing presses in stages, Rs.23.05 lakhs has been allocated for the Part-II Scheme of 2011-2012.
- ✶ Rs.71.10 lakhs allotted to the stationery and printing department for upgrading printing operations in its Government Central Press and Branch presses through purchase of modern cutting machine, pinning machine and machine to print wrapper.
- ✶ Order issued to give Rs.500/- a month as incentive to Differently Abled sightless persons working as book binders in the presses of the stationery and printing department.
- ✶ The risk allowance given to employees in the cutting machines in the binding section of the various government presses has been raised from Rs.30 a month to Rs. 200.
- ✶ The weekly allowance given to employees in the budget section and top secret section of the printing press as they work even on holidays has been increased from Rs. 15 to Rs.200.
- ✶ A special monthly allowance of Rs. 300/- is being paid to employees in the printing presses of the High Courts in Chennai and Madurai.

- ✶ Violet overcoats are being distributed to all women employees of the stationery and printing department in place of saris.
- ✶ Based on the report of an experts committee, action is being taken to modernize the government central press. A Rs. 2.6 crores four colour web offset printing machine and a Rs 1.48 crore two colour web offset printing machine have been procured.
- ✶ Sales Depots have been started at the government branch presses at Tiruchi and Madurai. Forms for name change and change of religion are available for the public in these branch depots.
- ✶ Male employees in government presses are supplied handloom cloth for three sets of uniforms and Khadi cloth for one set of uniforms once in two years. They are paid Rs.200/- as tailoring charges for one set of uniform.

- Female employees are supplied two violet overcoats once every year, in place of four pairs of sarees and blouses given once in two years.
- Rs.415/- is charged for name change for a person; only Rs.115/- is charged for publishing the name change in Tamil.
- Gazette notification for name change of transgenders is done at no cost and the gazette notification is sent to their address by post, free of cost.
- To motivate employees in the government central press and raise their productivity, orders have been issued to form quality control groups in the Japanese Kaizen method. The employees have been trained in this method and have been assigned duties, at a cost of Rs.95,000/-.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMES IMPLEMENTATION DEPARTMENT

- A new Department was created for the first time to monitor the flagship schemes of the Government.

Distribution of Fan, Mixie and Grinder at no cost

- To reduce strenuous activities of women, the scheme was implemented to benefit 60 lakhs woman at a cost of Rs.3,370 crores.

Distribution of Laptops to Students at no cost

- At an allocation of Rs.2,766 crores, 16.64 lakhs students received Laptop computers at no cost.

Schemes for 2013-2014

- Rs.1,500 crores allotted to distribute 35 lakhs Fan, Mixie and Grinder packages.
- Rs.1,500 crores allotted for 5.65 lakh Laptops.

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LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

WORKING CEASELESSLY FOR LABOUR WELFARE

Hon'ble Minister for Labour
Thiru. **S.T. Chellapandian**

- House building assistance for Beedi workers has been increased from Rs.5,000 to Rs.60,000/-; Rs. 1.20 crore has been allocated for 200 houses for 2012-2013.
- Out of 7,31,515 inspections made, Rs.41,22,35,875 was collected as stamping fees and Rs.1,78,83,908 collected as compounding fees under Legal Metrology Act.
- Under the Child Labour Act, 49 cases ended in conviction and penalty of Rs.4,72,000 was collected.
- 56 Child Labourers were rescued.
- Out of 11,376 students who studied in 326 special camps, 3,474 students were admitted in Schools under National Child Labour Programme (NLCP).
- The monthly stipend for higher studies for rescued child labourers has been increased form Rs.250/- to Rs.500/-.
- Rs.218 crores was disbursed as welfare assistance to 9.28 lakh beneficiaries in 17 Unorganized Workers Welfare Boards.

* The Scheme of electronic transfer of relief assistance to the bank accounts of the workers is being implemented as a pilot project in 6 districts.
* Monthly pension for the workers registered with Unorganized Workers Welfare Boards has been increased from Rs.500/- to Rs.1000/-.
* Skill training in driving heavy vehicles was given to 60 persons of Tamil Nadu Unorganized Drivers Welfare Board at a cost of Rs.12.75 lakh.
* Skill training for 430 persons of Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board was given at a cost of Rs.11.44 lakh.
* Awareness campaigns on security schemes were held at the cost of Rs.32.04 Lakhs.
* 4,534 new factories registered under Factories Act benefiting 1,40,070 workers.
* 86,996 workers were made permanent in 5,262 factories.
* To enhance safety in factories and to encourage the participation of factory administrations, the value of State Safety Award shield has been increased from Rs.2,500/- to Rs.5,000/- (First Prize) and from Rs.1,500/- to Rs.4,000/- (Second Prize).
* The number of Uyarntha Uzhaippalargal Virudhu awardees has been increased from 24 to 43.
* 2,116 new establishments were registered under Building and Other construction Workers Act.
* Training centre was started to avoid accidents in Fireworks factories at Sivakasi.

- Mobile teams were formed to ensure the safety and health measures of the workers of fireworks factories.
- 23,38,780 students who passed the 10th and 12th standard registered under the Employment Exchange from their schools.
- There were 1,27,695 beneficiaries under special renewal. Concession was announced for the years 2008, 2009, 2010.
- 33,500 got employment through Employment Exchange.
- Government sanctioned Rs.22.50 crore for construction of own Building for 15 District Employment Offices.
- 2 sets of uniforms and a pair of shoes were given to each trainee in Government ITIs. The estimated cost is Rs.4.01 crore.
- The cash award for Best Trainee was enhanced from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.25,000/-
- The cash award for Best Trainer was enhanced from Rs.1,000/- to Rs.10,000/-
- Government sanctioned Rs.2.30 crores for the construction of building to Cuddalore Women ITI.
- 50% of unfilled seats in private ITIs were filled up by Government with poor students. Training Cost at Rs.12,000 for the ITIs located in Corporation and Municipality areas, and Rs.10,000 for rural areas was borne by Government. 18,000 youths benefited at a cost of Rs.14.85 crores.
- Rs.8 crores was spent for various short term training courses to Unemployed youths with 54,396 beneficiaries.
- Bicycles at no cost were distributed to ITI students at an estimated cost of Rs.6.36 crores.

- Laptops at no cost were distributed to ITI students at an estimated cost of 3.47 crores.

- Monthly stipend to the trainees of Government ITI was increased from Rs.100 to Rs.500 at an estimated expenditure of Rs.13 crores.

- Government sanctioned Rs. 15 crores for renovation of 15 ITIs.

- Question papers were issued by NCVT in Tamil in Government ITIs.

- Smart cards were issued to students who passed out from Government ITI.

- ESI dispensaries in Thackalay, Manavalakkurichi, Veppodai, Pallikkonda, Annur and Sarkkar Samakkulam.

- 26 new areas were attached to nearby ESI Dispensaries; 41,294 persons benefited.

- 14 Siddha Units, 8 Ayurveda Units, 3 Homeopathy Units, 5 Yogasana units, and 2 Unani units were opened in ESI Dispensaries.

Schemes for 2013-2014

- Allocation for State Skill Development Mission increased from Rs.75 crores to Rs.100 crores.

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BACKWARD, MOST BACKWARD CLASSES AND MINORITIES WELFARE DEPARTMENT

A YEN FOR RAISING THE LOT OF BACKWARD CLASSES

Hon'ble Minister for Backward Classes
and Minorities Welfare
Thiru. **A. Mohammedjan**

- ✶ Social justice established by continuing 69% reservation without exclusion of creamy layer.
- ✶ The annual maintenance grant to Kallar Reclamation Schools was increased from Rs.4 lakh to Rs.1 crore.

- ✶ 51 posts of Tamil Teachers were created and 9 Kallar Reclamation schools were upgraded.
- ✶ LKG Classes in English Medium were started in 15 Kallar Reclamation Schools in Madurai, Dindigul and Theni districts, benefiting students of Piramalai Kallar community.
- ✶ The prize amount has been increased to Rs.10,000/- Rs.7,000/- and Rs.5,000/- to the students studying in Kallar Reclamation Schools who secure first, second and third marks respectively in the 10th and 12th standard public examinations.
- ✶ From the academic year 2011-2012, the scheme of awarding a cash prize of Rs.10,000 and citation to the Headmasters of High Schools / Higher Secondary Schools who ensure pass percentage of 95% and above in 10th and 12th Standard of Kallar Reclamation Schools is being implemented.
- ✶ Laboratory buildings, Lab equipment, Toilet blocks, additional class rooms and drinking water facilities have been provided in Kallar Reclamation schools at a cost of Rs.1.27 crores.
- ✶ A sum of Rs.65 crore was provided for construction of 84 own buildings for hostels.
- ✶ The food charge of Rs.450/- per month provided for school hostel boarders was enhanced to Rs.650/- per month and for college hostel boarders from Rs.550/- to Rs.750/- per month with effect from 20.09.2011.
- ✶ 56 New hostels for including 6 hostels for Minority girls at a cost of Rs.50 crores.
- ✶ District collectors have been empowered to admit 10% boarders additionally over and above the sanctioned strength of the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Community Hostels.

- New cooking vessels have been provided to 500 hostels of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities at a cost of Rs.50 lakhs.
- Wet grinders have been provided to 50 hostels for Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities at a cost of Rs.6.25 lakhs.
- The State Level Prize amount has been increased to Rs.10,000/, Rs.7,000/- and Rs.5,000/- to the students belonging to Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities staying in Most Backward Classes and Denotified Community hostels who secure first, Second and third ranks respectively in 10th and 12th Standard Public Examinations.
- Monthly boarding grant of Rs.450/- is paid to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified community students staying in Government recognized private hostels has been enhanced to Rs.650/-.
- The miscellaneous charges to the Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes & Denotified Community school hostel boarders and college hostel boarders has been enhanced to Rs.50/- and Rs.75/- respectively from Rs.25/- and Rs.50/-
- In 2011-12, LPG connections were provided to 70 Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Hostels at a cost of Rs.28 lakhs. Additional buildings were constructed for 2 Backward Classes Hostels at a cost of Rs.57 lakhs. Protection wall was constructed for 2 Backward Classes Girls hostel at a cost of Rs.12 lakhs.
- In order to accommodate children of Sri Lankan Tamils who reside in camps, 5 additional seats were created in each Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minorities hostel from the year 2011-2012.

- Under the scheme of award of General Prizes, the prize amount paid to the students of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities securing first, second and third places at District level in 10th and 12th standard public examination has been doubled and paid at Rs.3,000/,Rs.2,000/- and Rs.1,000/- and at Rs.6,000/- Rs.4,000/- and Rs.2,000/- respectively.
- Bicycles were distributed at no cost to 4,38,749 students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified communities and Minorities who studied 11th Standard in Government, Government-aided and partially-aided schools in 2011-12, at an expenditure of Rs.112.08 crore In 2012-2013, bycycles were distributed at no cost to 4,50,882 students at an expenditure of Rs. 149.75 crores.
- Under various scholarship schemes, Rs.115.71 crores was spent for the benefit of 5,23,985 students belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified communities in 2011-12. In 2012-2013, Rs. 134.49 crores educational assistance has been given to 5,51,922 students.
- Sewing Machines were distributed at no cost to 6,179 beneficiaries of Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified communities, at an expenditure of Rs.2.31 crores. Iron Boxes were distributed to 4,295 beneficiaries at no cost at an expenditure of Rs.1.70 crores.
- The annual administrative grant of Tamil Nadu Wakf Board has been enhanced from Rs.45 lakhs to Rs.1 crore.
- The number of Ulema pensioners has been increased from 2,400 to 2,600 and the monthly pension under the Ulemas pension scheme has been enhanced from Rs.750/- to Rs.1,000/-.
- A sum of Rs.3 crores was sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Wakf Board to settle the pension arrears of retired employees.
- The annual administrative grant of Tamil Nadu State Hajj committee has been enhanced from Rs.10 lakhs to Rs.20 lakhs.

- Loans totalling Rs.89.28 crore have been disbursed to 41,541 Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities beneficiaries through Tamil Nadu Backward Classes Economic Development Corporation and loans totalling Rs.41.92 crores have been disbursed to 16,942 minority beneficiaries through Tamil Nadu Minorities Economic Development Corporation.
- Under the Post-matric Scholarship scheme, Examination fee is sanctioned in full to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified communities students. Tuition fee and Special fee were not sanctioned in full to these students. Hence, from 2012-13 tuition fees and special fees have been sanctioned in full to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities students as in the case of Adi-Dravidar Welfare students at a cost of Rs.16.44 crores. This will benefit 75,000 students.
- A new scheme, "Chief Minister's Merit Award Scheme " sanctioning incentive of Rs.3000/- per annum will be awarded to 500 Boys and 500 Girls belonging to Backward Classes, Most Backward Classes, Denotified Communities and Minority Communities. Under this scheme, implemented from 2012-2013, the students who have secured highest marks in 12th Standard Public Examinations will get the amount till their completion of Degree / Diploma / Professional Courses.
- The amount sanctioned for the toppers in 10th and 12th std and for those pursuing Polytechnic and Professional courses respectively under Thanthai Periyar and Perarignar Anna awards has been enhanced from Rs.5,000/- to Rs.10,000/- at a total cost expenditure of Rs.186.50 lakh, benefiting 1,865 students.
- English Language Communication training is being provided to 6,550 College hostel boarders at Rs.2800/- per Student at a total cost of Rs.1.83 crore.

- Orders have been issued to allow the Wardens/Matrons to retire at the end of the academic year like School Teachers.
- Orders have been issued for providing stipend of Rs.400 per month to 4370 trainees at a cost of Rs.80.74 lakh from 2012-13.
- Sanitary worker posts in 45 Kallar Reclamation Schools were created.
- Special Guides are supplied to students studying in Std X and XII in Government/Government Aided Schools situated in 8 Backward Districts (Perambalur, Sivaganga, Tiruvannamalai, Villupuram, Dharmapuri, Dindigul, Krishnagiri and Cuddalore) identified as per Human Development Index, at a cost of Rs.2.47 crore.
- Electric Mixer Grinders are to be provided at a cost of Rs.31.65 lakh to 633 Backward Classes, Most backward Classes and Denotified Communities Hostels.
- LPG Connections have been provided to 50 Most Backward Classes and Denotified Communities Hostels in 2012-13 at a cost of Rs.25 lakhs.
- Protection walls have been constructed for 10 hostels at a cost of Rs.37.74 lakh in 2012-13.
- Cots have been provided to 105 College hostels for the benefit of 8465 Boarders at a cost of Rs.371.58 lakh.
- Mosques and Dargahs renovated at a cost of Rs.1.20 crores.
- "Wakf Board Development Fund" has been created for taking up repair and renovation works in Mosques and Dargahs. Rs.3 crores has been sanctioned for this fund.
- Matching grant provided to District Muslim Women aid societies will be enhanced from the ratio of 1:1 to 1:2. Government provided Rs.55.36 lakh for this scheme.
- A new scheme of providing financial assistance to Christians for undertaking pilgrimage to Jerusalem has been sanctioned and a sum

of Rs.1.00 crore has been allotted for the year 2011-2012. Guidelines have been issued and a pilgrimage committee has been constituted. For 2012-2013, Rs.1 crore has been allotted for this scheme and 95 pilgrims performed Jerusalem pilgrimage.

Schemes for 2013–14

- Rs.764.43 crores allocated for the welfare of Backward, Most Backward and Minorities.
- Educational assistance for 5.07 lakhs poor students to continue their education by paying Tuition fee, exam fee and special fees valued at Rs.173.98 crores.
- Bicycles at no cost at an estimate of Rs.139.42 crores.
- Rs.60.39 crores allocated for Minorities welfare.

WELFARE OF SRI LANKAN TAMILS

- Extension of all welfare schemes to Sri Lankan Tamils residing in Camps.
- Extension of free supply of rice, essential food commodities through PDS to 19,750 families.
- All refugee families living in the designated camps have been given permission to purchase all other ration commodities including kerosene from the PDS shops as per the norms applicable for Indian citizens.
- Chief Minister's Medical Insurance Scheme meant for Indian Citizens residing in Tamil Nadu has been extended to all registered Sri Lankan Tamil Refugees staying in Tamil Nadu.
- Investment of Rs.50,000 for a family with one female child and Rs.25,000/- for a family with two female children for 20 years under Girl Child Protection Scheme. Deposit in the name of 31 female children under "Female Children Protection Scheme" to the families without male children.

- Social Security Scheme has been extended to refugees in camps. Under this scheme, Monthly pension at the rate of Rs.1000/- has been paid to 4,416 destitute widows, deserted wives and the aged, the differently abled and unmarried women.
- Sewing machines to 2,123 Sri Lankan Tamil Women in camps at no cost.
- Laptops at no cost for 226 students studying in +2.
- Laptop, special cash incentive, footwear, bag and Geometric box at no cost for Sri Lankan Tamil students studying in Government/ Government aided schools.
- Extension of free supply of Electric mixie, Fan and Grinder to Sri Lankan Tamil families in camps.
- Waiver of tuition fees for 18 first generation students from Sri Lankan Tamil families, admitted through single window system to professional courses.
- Extension of merit based admission for refugee students in UG/PG courses in Arts and Science colleges based on open quota.
- Extension of merit based admission in professional courses under lateral entry system. Under this scheme refugee students are admitted in BE/BTech/MBA/ MCA/ MTech / MArch courses on open quota based on their merit.
- 5 seats are created and reserved in each of the hostels meant for SC, ST, BC, MBC and Minority students in 2,532 hostels.
- The maternity assistance for mothers has been enhanced from the existing Rs.6,000/- to Rs.12,000/- under the Dr.Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Financial Assistance Scheme.
- Under Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Memorial Women Marriage Assistance Scheme, eligible Sri Lankan refugee women

with graduate/diploma qualification will get Rs.50,000/- + 4g gold and other women will get Rs.25,000/-+4g gold.

- ✶ Enhanced monthly cash dole of Rs.1,000 to the head of families, Rs.750 to other members and Rs.400 for Children below 12 years. 84,345 persons are benefited.
- ✶ Enhancement of funeral rites expenses from Rs.2,500/- to Rs.5,000/-
- ✶ Enhancement of Accidental death relief from Rs.15,000/- to Rs.25,000/- from the Chief Minister's Sri Lankan Refugees Relief Fund.
- ✶ Revolving Fund of Rs.41.60 lakhs for 416 women self help groups each at a rate of Rs.10,000/-.
- ✶ Allotment of Rs.29.33 crores for improvement of Basic Amenities including Drinking water supply. Construction of 2,500 new durable houses at a cost of Rs.25 crores commenced.
- ✶ 183 girls benefited from the Financial Assistance under Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Memorial Women Marriage Assistance Scheme.
- ✶ Exemption of Income certificate and Age limit for Sri Lankan Tamils in camps to get sewing machines and assistance under "Moovalur Ramamirtham Ammaiyar Marriage Scheme".
- ✶ Under this scheme, the scholarship amount for the refugee students pursuing higher education ranges from Rs.850/- to Rs.4,700/- per annum, depending on the course of study.

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HINDU RELIGIOUS AND CHARITABLE ENDOWMENT DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTERING TEMPLES WITH UTMOST CARE

Hon'ble Minister for Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments

Thiru. **M.S.M. Anandan**

HR&CE DEPARTMENT

- ✶ The Pattas of 998.52 acres of land belonging to 88 temples have been transferred from private individuals to the respective temples.
- ✶ Pattas of 393.32 acres of lands belonging to 62 temples wrongly entered in the names of private persons in computerized chitta were transferred to the respective temples.
- ✶ The Annadhana scheme was extended to 156 more temples taking the total of such temples to 518. Devotees of Sri Dhandayuthapani Swamy Temple, Palani and Sri Ranganatha Swamy Temple, Srirangam are daily benefited by this scheme throughout the day.

- ✶ Special rejuvenation camp for 34 elephants was conducted for 48 days at Thekkampatti, Coimbatore District.
- ✶ One-time pooja scheme fund increased from Rs.25,000 to Rs.1 lakh. 11,931 temples benefited at a cost of Rs.89.48 crores.
- ✶ 11 Battery cars in 8 temples to enable the elderly and physically disabled pilgrims have darshan.
- ✶ Kumbabishekam has been performed in 3,105 temples after renovation.
- ✶ 78 Temple cars were renovated.
- ✶ 292 temple tanks were renovated at a cost of Rs.41.61 lakhs. In 2012-2013, 164 more temple tanks were renovated: 32 temple cars were also renovated.
- ✶ 648 beneficiaries received pension of Rs.1.52 crores under the departmental pension scheme.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

MULTIPLYING REVENUE AS PEOPLE'S WEALTH

Hon'ble Minister for Revenue
Thiru. **Thoppu N.D. Venkatachalam**

✶ Farmers who own dry land up to 5 acres or wet land up to 2.5 acres and are engaged in direct cultivation, agricultural labourers, cultivating tenants and their families get assistance under the Chief Ministers' Farmers Security Scheme. To avail the assistance continuously till the new Identity Cards are issued,

72.41 lakh tokens have been distributed to beneficiaries under this scheme.

- 2,93,86,519 persons have been enumerated as members for Maroon Colour Identity Card and their dependant members for Grey Colour Identity Card.
- The lands declared surplus under the Land Reforms Act to an extent of 240.98 acres have been assigned to 368 persons.
- Four additional new Revenue Courts at Lalgudi, Mannargudi, Tirunelveli and Nagapattinam were formed.
- The Hon'ble Chief Minister inaugurated a Special Scheme, namely "FAST TRACK PATTA TRANSFER SCHEME" on 18.7.2011 in Srirangam Taluk. Orders for Patta Transfers have been issued for 28.63 lakh cases.
- Under 'One Time Scheme of Regularising the House Site Encroachments', 25,995 Pattas have been issued.
- Under "Regular Scheme of Issue of House Site Patta", 2.28 lakh House Site Pattas have been issued.
- Out of 880 petitions relating to land grabbing cases received from the Anti-Land Grabbing Special Cells, 847 petitions were returned to the Special Cells after verification of land records.
- 2,86,176 encroachments made in an extent of 49,934 acres of Government lands were removed.
- For fencing of Government lands, Rs.94.89 lakhs was allotted in 2011-2012 and it was distributed to Coimbatore, Tirunelveli, Villupuram, Perambalur and Namakkal Districts. Due to this,

there were evictions on an extent of 108.13 acres of such lands worth Rs.38.35 crore. For fencing of Government lands, Rs.80 lakh was allotted in 2012-2013. Out of this, Rs.70.52 lakh has been distributed to Chennai, Tiruvallur, Madurai, Coimbatore, Kancheepuram, Kanniyakumari and Dindigul Districts.

- ✶ Government has sanctioned Rs. 22.48 crores for purchase of 7,787 Laptops, Printers and to impart training to 7,787 Village Administrative Officers.
- ✶ Government has accorded sanction for creation of 9 New Taluks at Annur, Alathur, Tirubhuvanam, Kinathukadavu, Kalasapakkam, Tiruporur, Chinna Salem, Kolli Hills and Andhiyur.
- ✶ 8.8 lakhs certificates of Community, Income and Nativity have been issued to students studying 10th standard in all schools of Tamil Nadu.

- 3,334 Village Administrative Officers, 978 Assistants and 643 Village Assistants appointed.
- Compassionate Ground appointment for 72 Junior Assistants, 4 Typists and 206 Village Administrative Officers have been made by the Collectors during the last 2 years.
- Ex-gratia payment to families of victims of Natural Calamities has been enhanced from Rs. 1,00,000/- to Rs. 2,50,000/- (including Chief Minister's Relief fund) and the relief for loss of Cows/Bullocks etc., has been enhanced from Rs. 10,000/- to Rs. 20,000/- per head and for loss of Goat/Sheep the amount has been enhanced from Rs.1,000/- to Rs. 2,000/- per head.
- For huts fully damaged in fire accident, the relief amount has been enhanced from Rs. 2,000/- to Rs. 5,000/- and for partly damaged huts the amount of assistance has been enhanced from Rs. 1,000/- to Rs. 2,500/-.
- The input subsidy to farmers in the Cauvery Delta region, whose crops have suffered more than 50% loss due to natural calamities, has been enhanced from Rs. 4,000/- per acre to Rs. 5,000/- per acre.
- A High Level Committee was constituted with the Hon'ble Minister for Finance as Chairman and other Ministers and Secretaries of Departments as members to assess damages and suggest relief measures due to adverse seasonal conditions in Tamil Nadu. Commissioner of Revenue Administration / Relief Commissioner is the Member Secretary of this committee.
- Relief assistance of Rs. 541.50 crores has been sanctioned to 3,61,000 Acres at the rate of Rs. 15,000/- per acre to the Delta

farmers whose crop loss is more than 50% and of the amount sanctioned, a sum of Rs. 524.25 crores has been disbursed to 3,52,613 farmers.

- ✶ Rs.1,517 crores relief to delta districts hit by drought.
- ✶ Rs.1,754.96 crores relief to non-delta districts hit by drought.
- ✶ Drinking water facilities have been provided in drought-hit areas at an expenditure of Rs. 183 crores.
- ✶ Under "AMMA" Scheme, 4.50 lakh petitions were received, and orders issued.
- ✶ Electric fans, Mixies and Grinders numbering 41,14,423 distributed at no cost to women.
- ✶ The ceiling on the number of days of Employment under the MNREGS has been enhanced from 100 to 150 days to benefit Agricultural Labourers in all the districts in the State of Tamil Nadu, except Chennai.
- ✶ To tackle the scarcity in the supply of fodder for cattle and for inland fish farming in farm ponds, works have been sanctioned at a cost of Rs. 47.85 crores in the delta region.
- ✶ To tackle the drinking water scarcity in the delta region, schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 37.25 crores have been sanctioned.
- ✶ Taking into consideration the hardship of the delta farmers in repaying crop loans, the repayment of crop loan has been rescheduled.
- ✶ Due to drought, Remission of Land Revenue has been ordered in 31 districts of the State.
- ✶ District Collectorate Offices in Thanjavur, Tiruppur and Cuddalore at a cost of Rs. 75 crores.
- ✶ 13.39 lakh pattas (Involving Sub-divisions) have been issued to the public.

- An amount of Rs.7.81 crores has been collected through issue of computerized land records extracts.
- An amount of Rs.78.57 lakhs has been collected through sale of maps to public.
- Compassionate ground appointment has been given to 143 persons.
- Technically qualified persons have been engaged by outsourcing through C-Star, for assisting the staff of this department in Modern Surveying and Computerized mapping.
- Natham Survey work has been completed in 2.32 Sq.Km. in Sholinganallur taluk of Kancheepuram district and Madhavaram taluk of Tiruvallure district.
- Measurement work for an extent of 3.13 Sq.Km. has been completed under Town survey system in Chennai and Tiruppur Corporations.
- Modern Survey Scheme Offices (MSSO) have been established in 8 districts Viz., Tiruvallur, Vellore, Coimbatore, Erode, Tiruchi, Karur, Madurai and Tirunelveli and provided with facilities like Computers and accessories and modern survey equipments like Global Positioning System and Total Station. Work has been commenced to take up Modern Survey in newly upgraded Third Grade Municipalities.
- Computerization of land records in 38 Villages out of 55 Villiages in Chennai.
- Advanced training in Modern Survey and Mapping has been imparted to 75 persons at Indian Institute of Survey and Mapping, Hyderabad.
- Fundamental training in using Global Positioning System and Total Station has been imparted to 360 persons and refreshment training has been imparted to 135 persons, at C-STAR in Anna University, Chennai.

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KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES DEPARTMENT

INCREASED PRODUCTON IN KHADI AND VILLAGE INDUSTRIES

Hon'ble Minister for Khadi and Village Industries
Thiru. **T.P. Poonachi**

SERVICE PROTECTION

- ✶ 719 Board's Employees have been considered as surplus employees and so far 468 employees have been re-deployed in other Government Departments. The services rendered by the Boards employees will be taken into account for their pension in the newly joined department.

- ✶ The pensionary benefits totalling Rs.36.86 crores have been sanctioned for the payment of terminal benefits to the Board's employees retired between 01.10.2008 & 31.03.2012.

- ✶ From 2012–2013, the State Government has also allowed 20% financial assistance on production of Khadi throughout the year as is allowed by Khadi and Village Industries Commission.

- ✶ Out of this, 5% was directly given as incentive / Bonus to Spinners / Weavers in Khadi Industry and Weavers / reelers / dyers in Silk Industry and the balance 15% is to be utilized for giving discount to customers to increase Khadi Sales.

Schemes for 2013-2014

- ✶ The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that weavers producing Khadi and Polyvastra should be given 30 per cent more wages;

672 weaver will benefit; the additional Government expenditure will be Rs. 13.50 lakhs.

- ✶ The Hon'ble Chief Minister has ordered that the wages of weavers making silk varieties should be raised by 50 per cent. 360 weavers will benefit while the additional Governmental expenditure will be Rs. 22.50 lakhs.
- ✶ Based on the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, 30 village weaving units are to given grants of Rs. 30,000 so as to improve their infrastructure. 770 women weavers will be benefit.
- ✶ To upgrade the handmade paper unit at Kovanur in Coimbatore District, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, a Rs. 18 lakh machine to make paper covers with inner cloth lining is to be acquired. The beater machine in the Pidagam handmade paper unit is being upgraded at a cost of Rs. 4 lakhs.
- ✶ As per the orders of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the productivity of the Ambattur footwear unit is to be upgraded at a cost of Rs. 1 crore under the SFURTI scheme of the Khadi Board. 100 workers engaged in leather processing will benefit.
- ✶ The main Khadi showroom in Chennai is to be renovated and fully air-conditioned at a cost of Rs. 1 crore.
- ✶ The soap-making units of the Board functioning at Sevvaipettai, Perumalmalai and Panruti are to be upgraded and their productivity increased by acquiring at a cost of Rs. 11 lakhs.

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SCHOOL EDUCATION, SPORTS AND YOUTH WELFARE DEPARTMENT

A GOVERNMENT THAT SPREADS THE LIGHT OF KNOWLEDGE

Hon'ble Minister for School Education,
Sports and Youth Welfare
Dr. **Vaigaichelvan**

SCHOOL EDUCATION

* Highest allocation for school education of Rs.16,965.30 crores this year.

- ✶ 51,757 teachers and 7,275 non-teaching staff appointed.
- ✶ In place of one set of Uniforms to students studying in classes I to VIII in Government and Government Aided Schools, two sets of uniforms are being given. 46.47 lakhs students benefited to the tune of Rs.165 crore. The boys studying in classes VI to VIII are provided full pant and shirt and the girls are provided salwar kameez. 47 lakh students have benefited at an expenditure of Rs.330 crores.
- ✶ Tamil Nadu is considered to be the best State in reaching the target in education.
- ✶ Tamil Nadu is one of the first states to publish the rules to give free and compulsory education to children in Government Gazette.
- ✶ Bicycles at no cost given to 6.30 lakh students from all communities at a cost of Rs.194.20 crores.
- ✶ Bus Pass is being given to the students from Standard I to XII studying in all schools. 14.02 lakh students benefited.
- ✶ To reduce drop outs at Secondary and Higher Secondary levels Special Cash incentive of Rs.1,500 for tenth and eleventh students and Rs.2,000 for twelfth students are given. During 2011-2012, 41 lakh students benefited at a cost of Rs. 667 crores.
- ✶ 10.65 lakhs students have been given laptops costing Rs.1,637 crores at no cost.
- ✶ Upgradation of 100 High Schools to Higher Secondary Schools; 710 Middle schools to High schools, 65 Primary schools to Middle schools.
- ✶ Rs.464.96 crores under Sarva Siksha Abhiyan, Rs.1,066.51 crores under Rashtriya Madhiyamik Shiksha Abhiyan and Rs.152.73 crore with NABARD aid making a total of Rs.1,684.20 crores have been spent.
- ✶ Notebooks at no cost provided to 81 lakh school students studying from 1st standard to 10th standard at a cost of Rs.103 crores. Footwear at

no cost to 79 lakh students studying from I to X std at a cost of Rs.105 crores.

- School bags at no cost to 92 lakh students studying in Government and Government aided school from classes I to XII at a cost of Rs.128 crores.
- Crayons at no cost to 12 lakh students in I and II std at a cost of Rs.2 crores.
- Colour pencils at no cost to 20 lakh students in III to V std at a cost of Rs.3.20 crores.
- Geometry box at no cost to 46 lakh students from VI to X std. at a cost of Rs.17 crores.
- Atlas at no cost to 46 lakh students in VI to X std at a cost of Rs.14 crores.
- 86 lakh students aged between 7 and 17 to be given training in Chess at a cost of Rs.40 lakhs.
- Continuous and Comprehensive Evaluation (CCE), an innovative evaluation pattern has been introduced from the academic year 2012–2013 for the classes I to VIII. Through this the intellectual calibre of students, their capacity to solve problems and other life skills will improve and when they complete school, they will be prepared to face the challenges of the world. From 2013-2014 academic year, CCE system is to be introduced for students of class IX.
- The Trimester Pattern was introduced from class I to VIII. From 2013-2014 academic year, trimester pattern to be introduced for class IX also.
- The Trimester Pattern for students from class I to VIII would help the children learn the syllabus of the term with better understanding and more intensity. This will reduce the book load of children physically and also remove the psychological fear in the young minds.

- The Directorate of Teacher Education, Research and Training has been upgraded to "State Council for Educational Research and Training" at a cost of Rs.48 crores.
- Infrastructure facilities were provided in Government Primary / Middle/ High and Higher Secondary schools at a total cost of Rs.1,684.20 crores. Rooms for headmasters, classrooms for new schools, drinking water facility, kitchens, compound walls and toilets and infrastructure facilities for the handicapped like ramps and disabled friendly toilets were provided in primary/middle/high and higher secondary schools.
- 100 % Safe drinking water and toilet facilities in all schools by the end of this year.
- Introduction of "Educational Information Management Scheme (EMIS)" at Srirangam constituency in 5 Government higher secondary schools. This scheme will be extended to all schools soon. The integrated and comprehensive details of teachers, students and officials will be uploaded in the web. This will surely improve the quality of information and data on the subject. It will also help analyse the statistics.
- 4,340 Government High / Hr. Sec. Schools will be provided with Information and Communication Technology facility through BOOT Model at a cost of Rs.277.75 crores.
- Five smart schools have been proposed to be constructed in Thiruchendurai, Aylapettai, Ettarai, Somarasampettai and Inamkulathur Government Higher Secondary School in Tiruchirapalli Districts, under the State Government scheme at a cost of Rs.1.25 crore, Rs.25 lakhs per school.
- Five other Smart Schools have been sanctioned under Centrally sponsored scheme at a cost of Rs.25 lakhs per school. Government Higher Secondary Schools in Namakkal, Theni, Virudhunagar, Dindigul & Madurai Districts will be provided with Smart Schools under the scheme with the assistance of Central Government shared between centre and state in the ratio of 75:25.

- ✶ A unique identification of every child is very essential to monitor the migration of the child, dropping out from schools, health status etc. All the children in the Government and Government Aided schools will be provided with the Smart Card which will consist of all the details pertaining to the child. The details will be stored in the central server. This scheme was inaugurated by Hon'ble CM on 5.9.2012 as a pilot project. It has been implemented in select five schools and the scheme will be extended to all schools in the State.
- ✶ Mark sheets for +2 and 10th Board examinations were issued with photos, barcode and additional security features to prevent fake certificates and forgery.
- ✶ From 2012 special supplementary exams for the unsuccessful students of 10th and 12th standard are being conducted in all the subjects.
- ✶ Orders have been issued, extending the Government's concession / Welfare schemes to the students of other schools like children schools under Social Welfare Department and National Child Labour Project Welfare schools.
- ✶ To ensure that out-of-School Children are given an opportunity to go to regular School, Transport facilities have been provided in eight districts for 4,857 school drop outs to continue studies in Hill stations/far away settlements, at a cost of Rs.1.45 crore (Rs.3000 to each student).
- ✶ 40 Adult Education Centres have been upgraded as Model Adult Education Centre for teaching adults through computer. Computer and Accessories have been provided to each centre.
- ✶ Orders for setting up of 26 Model schools in 26 educationally backward blocks at an estimated cost of Rs.78 crores have been issued. 14,560 students will get quality education under this scheme.
- ✶ Orders have been issued for setting up 10 Mobile Counselling Centers for the welfare of students at a cost of Rs.3 crore to solve Psychological problems like stress among students.

- Two English medium sections were introduced in this academic year in classes I and VI std. in 320 Schools at the rate of 10 schools each in Panchayat Union Primary, Middle Schools, Government High and Higher Secondary Schools in rural areas benefiting 22,400 students per year.
- Integrated Knowledge Park to be created in a state-of-the-art building with all modern infrastructure facilities to house the eleven Directorates of School Education Department. A Committee has been appointed under the Chairmanship of the Hon'ble Minister for School Education, Sports and Youth Welfare to monitor the implementation.
- Orders sanctioning a sum of Rs.3 crore have been issued for the construction of new Teachers Home at Tiruchi for the benefit of Teachers working in southern districts.
- Orders sanctioning a sum of Rs.3 crore for the renovation and construction of Additional Building to Teachers Home situated at Saidapet for accommodating additional number of Teachers have been issued.
- Orders sanctioning a sum of Rs.16 lakhs for providing Laptop to 32 Book Inventory Verification Officers working in District Libraries have been issued.
- To avoid inconvenience to teachers in getting their Monetary, Service and other benefits, Government issued orders to organize Teacher Grievances Camp.
- Government issued Safety measures to be followed in School Campuses in all the Government, Aided and Private Schools. Necessary guidelines have also be issued on School Building, Drinking water facilities, Toilet facilities, Electricity, Seating arrangements, First Aid, safety measures to be followed at the time of students gathering and also on running of school vehicles.
- Government have issued orders to constitute "Annaiyar Kuzhu", permitting mothers to conduct social audit in schools where their

children are studying, to check whether all the facilities are being provided by the School authorities. Their views will be recorded in the Register to be maintained for this purpose. The team should also consist of representatives from different classes.

- 25% reservation of seats in private schools for children of economically backward and socially handicapped sections of society.
- "Tamil Nadu Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Rules 2011" to implement "Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009."

Schemes for 2013-14

- Rs.1,299.74 crores allotted for issue of free note books,text books, bus pass, uniforms, school bags, foot wear, geometry box, atlas, bicycles and sanitary napkins.
- Special incentives to 24.76 lakh students studying from 10th to 12th standard at an estimate of Rs.381 crores.
- Woollen Clothes for 10.3 lakh students studying in hilly areas at an estimated cost of Rs.4.12 crores.

YOUTH WELFARE AND SPORTS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

- Cash Incentive enhanced from Rs.1 crore to Rs.2 crores for Olympics Gold Medallist.
- Cash Incentives for Medal Winners for Asian, Commonwealth games enhanced to Rs.50 lakhs for Gold Medallist, Rs.30 lakhs for Silver Medallist and Rs.20 lakhs for Bronze Medallist.

* Rs.1.70 crores sanctioned for International Standard “Centre of Excellence” in Chennai.

* 79 coaches appointed additionally to give training in all Sports activities by Sports Development Authority of Tamil Nadu.

* Cash Incentive of Rs.30 lakhs awarded to winners of 34th National Games held at Jharkhand.

* Cash award of Rs.2 crores given to Five-time World Chess Champion Thiru.Vishwanathan Anand.

* Rs.1 crore sanctioned every year for conducting International Squash Tournament in Chennai.

* Sports competition with prize money for Differently Abled persons conducted – Rs.15 lakhs.

* Rs.3 crores sanctioned for providing accommodation, dining hall and kitchen facilities in Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium.

* Rs.6 crores sanctioned for International Standard Synthetic Athletic Track in Tiruchi.

* Rs.6 crores sanctioned for International Standard Synthetic Hockey Surface in Madurai .

* Pension enhanced to Rs.3,000 from Rs.1,000 for indigent sports persons.

* Scholarship of Rs.25 lakhs each for 5 Elite Sports persons (Aiming for Olympics) sanctioned.

* Rs.1.5 crores sanctioned for Day Boarders and Week-end Coaching Schemes.

* Multipurpose Indoor Stadiums were sanctioned in 10 Districts at a cost of Rs.15 crores each.

* Rs. 4.15 crores sanctioned for new Sports Hostels in 5 Districts.

* Tamil Nadu team secured overall Runner up Championship in the National level PYKKA competition 2013.

* Rs.6,000 awarded to each sportsperson for 3240 budding talents identified from the World Beaters Talent Spotting Scheme.

* Rs.2 crores sanctioned for Construction of Swimming pools at Namakkal and Tiruvallur .

* Chief Minister's Trophy for Athletics and Team Games (in 10 sports disciplines) conducted successfully at a cost of Rs.5.52 crores.

* Rs.2 crores granted for conducting Chennai Open Tennis Tournament.

* Rs.70 lakhs sanctioned for purchase of International Standard Sports Equipment.

* Rs.62 lakhs sanctioned for Village Sports centre in a village in each District.

* For conducting Ocean Sailing Expedition, expenditure enhanced to Rs.2 lakhs.

- ✶ Refreshment allowance to National Cadet Corps enhanced to Rs.10/- from Rs.3/- per hour.
- ✶ Republic Day camp expenditure enhanced to Rs.50 lakh.
- ✶ Cash Incentive to National Cadet Corps cadets participating in the Republic Day camp and Republic Day oriented camp enhanced to Rs.5.8 lakh.
- ✶ Award of Tamil Nadu Scholarship to outstanding National Cadet Corps cadets enhanced to Rs.200/- per month for 10 months for 100 SD/SW and Rs.100/- per month for 10 months for 100 JD /JW cadets.

Art and Culture Department

- ✶ Building for "Regional Art and Cultural Complex" was constructed at a cost of Rs. 96 lakhs at Srirangam, Tiruchirapalli District and was opened by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- ✶ Building for "Regional Art & Cultural Complex" was constructed at a cost of Rs. 92.92 lakhs at Kancheepuram and was opened by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu.
- ✶ Building for '’Regional Art and Cultural Complex’’ was constructed at a cost of Rs.87.10 lakhs at Madurai, and is ready for opening.
- ✶ Building works for '’Regional Art and Cultural Complex’’ at Tirunelveli, at a cost of Rs. 1 crore, are in progress.
- ✶ Cottages (kudilgal) and Classrooms are being constructed for Tamil Nadu Government Music College, Tiruvaiyaru at a cost of Rs.61.60 lakhs.
- ✶ Government order was issued to construct "Regional Art and Cultural Complex’’ at Salem, at a cost of Rs. 1 crore.
- ✶ A sum of Rs. 90.91 lakhs was sanctioned to construct a building for Tamil Nadu Government Music College at Malumichampatti Village, Coimbatore.
- ✶ Furniture was purchased at a cost of Rs.39.65 lakhs for the Government Music Colleges, Government Colleges of Fine Arts and the Government College of Architecture and Sculpture.
- ✶ Stipend paid to the students of Government Music Colleges was enhanced to Rs. 500/- from Rs.250/- per month.
- ✶ Monthly Scholarship was sanctioned to the students of District Government Music Schools from 2011-2012 at a rate of Rs.200/-. This scholarship was doubled to Rs.400/-.

- A post of Assistant Public Relation Officer was created in Tamil Nadu Eyal Isal Nataka Mandram.
- A sum of Rs 73.30 lakh was sanctioned towards Schemes and Administrative Expenses for Tamil Nadu Eyal Isal Nataka Mandram in 2012-2013.
- Annual income ceiling fixed to avail the financial assistance scheme for indigent artists was enhanced to Rs. 60,000/- from Rs.12,000/- to benefit thousands of indigent artists.
- Under the scheme of financial assistance to indigent artists, an additional Rs 45 lakh was sanctioned to cover 1000 more indigent artists.
- Rs.1 lakh has been sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Eyal Isai Nataka Manram as grant for encouraging talented new artistes.
- ‘Windows of Culture’, a special cultural programme is organized on every Thursday at Chennai Museum Theatre in collaboration with Museum Department, to showcase the traditional art forms to the student community.
- Rs 33.40 lakhs has been sanctioned for conducting cultural festivals in all districts in Tamil Nadu and for the purchase of equipment for documentation of cultural programmes.
- Rs.3 lakh has been sanctioned for conducting summer camps through Tamil Nadu Jawahar Siruvar Manram.
- A sum of Rs 3.60 lakh has been sanctioned for conducting the winter camp and summer camp through Tamil Nadu Jawahar Siruvar Manram.
- A sum of Rs 1.20 lakh has been sanctioned to Tamil Nadu Jawahar Siruvar Manram for conducting handicraft training for the students of Tamil Nadu during the summer camp.

- A sum of Rs 97,193/- lakh has been sanctioned to conduct the Bal Shree competition and select talented children through Tamil Nadu Jawahar Siruvar Manram.
- A sum of Rs 50,000/- has been sanctioned to conduct Bharathanatya Arangetram for the indigent students of Tamil Nadu Jawahar Siruvar Manram.
- Consolidated pay paid to the Art Teachers of Tamilnadu Jawahar Siruvar Manram has been enhanced from Rs. 1500/- to Rs.2,000/- at Chennai; Rs. 300/- to 1,500/- in the Districts and Rs. 150/- to Rs. 1000/- at Rural Centres.
- A sum of Rs.12 lakh has been sanctioned to conduct the festivals and cultural programmes in all Districts through Art and Culture Department.
- A sum of Rs 75,000/- has been sanctioned to conduct National Kharavela Festivals at Udhayagiri, Bhuvanesver, Oddisha.
- A sum of Rs.35 lakh has been sanctioned as a grant towards the Schemes and Administration expenses to Tamil Nadu Folk Artistes Welfare Board.
- 2,561 artists have been registered as members of the Tamil Nadu Folk Artists Welfare Board up to May 2011. So far various welfare assistances were provided to the 1108 members at a cost of Rs. 19,27,050/-.
- A sum of Rs 8.95 lakh has been sanctioned to renovate the ladies hostel in Tamil Nadu Government Music College, Chennai.
- Rs,.66.50 lakhs has been sanctioned for construction of an additional building for the Department of Art and culture functioning on Tamil Valarchi campus II floor, Halls Road, Egmore, Chennai.

ARCHAEOLOGY

- The "Tamil Nadu Heritage Act" was passed in the Legislative Assembly.

- To improve the infrastructure at Government Oriental Manuscripts Library and Research Centre, Rs.1.19 crore was sanctioned and preliminary works have been carried out.
- For the implementation of the Micro filming of rare Manuscripts of Government Oriental Manuscripts Library and Research Centre the Government allotted Rs. 3.54 crores. The works are being carried out through ELCOT.
- Steps are being taken to include the historical monuments and archaeological sites of this department in the Tourism Map of Tamil Nadu.
- From 16.05.2011 to 10.11.2012 totally 19 Department books were published (Epigraphy books – 2, Students' Monographs – 4, Excavation Reports – 5, Museum Guide books – 4, Kalvettu Quarterly Journal – 4).
- Rs.54.55 Lakhs has been sanctioned for installation of Lightning Conductors in monuments, purchase of digital cameras, Fire Extinguishers. These works were completed. Creating Virtual Tours and upgradation of website are in progress.
- Excavation work at Alambarai, Cheyyur Taluk of Kanchipuram District (2011-2012), yielded cannon balls, copper slag, potteries etc. An exhibition was conducted with the unearthed artefacts.
- Hon'ble Chief Minister sanctioned Rs. 10 lakhs under Discretionary Fund for maintenance of Monuments, upkeep and improvement of Archaeological Site Museums and to carry out educational activities of the department.
- Rs. 61.50 Lakhs was approved for digitalization of publications, negatives and slides, publication of Epigraphy Books, upgradation of Library, Purchase of chemicals for conservation and construction of building for Marine Archaeological site Museum at Poompuhar, Nagapattinam District. All these works are nearing completion.

- 375 inscriptions have been copied in Sivagangai and Salem districts.
- Under Registration of Antiquities scheme, 682 art objects have been registered and certificates issued.
- 23,107 pages of Tamil Palm Leaf Manuscripts were digitalized and documented by the Government Oriental Manuscripts Library and Research Centre.
- Rs.15.94 crores was earmarked for conservation and infrastructure facilities for 47 religious temple monuments. The works are being executed by the Public Works Department.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSEUMS

- Construction of the balance portion of Heritage Compound Wall for 88.5 meters has been completed at a cost of Rs.95 lakhs.
- Renovation of the Children's Museum for providing Granite flooring with suitable amenities has been completed at Rs.36 lakhs.
- Re-organization of the Wood Carving Gallery has been completed at Rs.2.83 lakhs.
- Renovation of the Rock & Cave Art Gallery has been completed at Rs.35 lakhs.
- A Walk-through Sculpture Garden was established at Rs.9.4 lakhs.
- Reserve Display (Visual Storage) of the remaining Amaravati Sculptures was completed at Rs. 43 lakhs.
- Renovation of the centenary Exhibition Hall has been completed at Rs. 57.5 lakhs.
- Laying of the internal roads of the Government Museum, Chennai has been completed at an expenditure of Rs.19 lakhs.
- Erection of 5 Generators for uninterrupted power supply has been completed at Rs.1 crore.

- Renovation of the Museum Activity Centre has been completed at cost of Rs.11 lakhs.
- Construction of Additional Toilet Blocks for the Differently Abled has been completed at a cost of Rs.16 lakhs.
- A cultural feast called 'Panpattu Palagani' was conducted in the Government Museum, Chennai from 26.07.2012 in association with the Department of Art and Culture.
- New initiatives like 'Panpattu Palagani' (Windows of Culture), 'Exhibit of the Week', Art training camp for Corporation School Children are being conducted from June 2011 onwards. New projects like creation of Virtual Tour and Documentation film on Chennai Museum, Erection of animated Dinosaur working model have also been taken up and completed.

TAMIL DEVELOPMENT

- To take the literary works of Tamil to the classical languages of the world, in the first stage Tirukkural and the poetical works of Bharathi and Bharathidasan are to be translated in Mandarin and Arabic at an expenditure of Rs.3.2 crores.
- Enhanced Pension of Rs.2,000 for the Aged Tamil Scholars. 13 more aged Tamil scholars to receive this pension.
- Rs.45,000/- allocated for Word Bank Scheme.
- The Act declaring the 1st day of Tamil month Thai as Tamil New Year was repealed and 1st of Tamil month Chithirai was declared as Tamil New Year
- Tamil New Year was celebrated with gaiety on 1st of Tamil month Chithirai i.e on 13.4.2012 headed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister. On that occasion to encourage Tamil organizations / associations which are serving the cause of Tamil, Tamil literature, Tamilians in

Tamil Nadu and other States, an award ' Tamilthai Award' of Rs.5 lakhs (instituted since 2012) was given to 'Madurai Tamil sangam'.

- ✶ To perpetuate the memory of Kapilar and U.Ve.Sa (awards introduced since 2012), an award of Rs.1 lakh, gold medal and certificate was given to Prof. A.A.Manavalan and Pulavar Se. Rasu.
- ✶ A total sum of Rs. 3,60,000/- was sactioned for payment of Kural prizes of Rs.10,000/- each to 36 students for reciting all the 1330 couplets of Thirukkural. Prizes were distributed on 1st day of the Tamil month of Chithirai (13.4.2012)
- ✶ A total sum of Rs.11,15,000/- was sanctioned to authors and publishers for best books released in 2010. Prizes were distributed on 1st day of Chithirai (13.4.2012).
- ✶ The Prize amount of Tamil Mandram for students has been increased manifold.

- Financial assistance of Rs25,000/- to the authors for publishing books was enhanced to Rs50,000/- and ceiling for income per annum for availing financial assistance was also increased from Rs25,000/- to Rs50,000/-
- Thiruvalluvar Tirunal and Tamil Nadu Arasu Virudugal valangum vizha was conducted on 16.1.2012. On the occasion, Tamil scholars were awarded and honoured with Thiruvalluvar Virudhu, Bharathiyar Virudhu, Bharathidasan Virudhu, Thiru.Vi.Ka. Virudhu, Ki.Aa.Pe. Virudhu etc.
- The annual income ceiling of aged Tamil scholars to receive monthly pension has been raised to Rs24,000/- from Rs12,000/-
- To provide training to young men in writing poetry and essays, and in oration, and to conduct ‘Ilam Tamizhar Ilakiya Pattarai’ Rs10.00 lakhs per annum was allotted. The first workshop was conducted in Srirangam, Tiruchirapalli, from 22.9.2012 – 28.9.2012.
- Refresher training to Government servants will be conducted in all districts regarding history of Official language, Official Language Act and official language implementation by the Tamil Development Department, at an expenditure of Rs.9.30 lakhs.
- The expenditure of Rs.5,000/- for conducting official language seminar in each district had been raised to Rs.20,000/-
- Rare Tamil books which are not available in Tamil Nadu but are found in the libraries of foreign countries will be digitalized and published as books at a cost of Rs.1 crore.
- A website has been created exclusively for Tamil Development department at an expenditure of Rs.5 lakhs.
- Writings of foreign language experts and scholars about the history and importance of the Tamil language is to be collected and published in Tamil and English every year at a cost of Rs.50 lakhs.

- An expert committee is to be constituted for compiling noble ideas found in Tamil moral literature to publish a handbook, 'Araneri karuvoolam' for students. This book, meant to instill moral ideas into students, will be printed and distributed at a cost of Rs.1 crore.
- To affirm the richness of Tamil language during the Sangam age to the present age, the famous aphorisms of Tamil are to be compiled and a Ponmozhi Kalanjiyam prepared at a cost of Rs.50 lakhs/-.
- Two new categories viz, 'Makalir Ilakkiyam' and 'Tamilar Vazhviyal' were created under 'Sirantha Nool Parisu Thittam'. An addition of Rs.80,000/- apart from Rs.12.40 lakhs, as allotted, had been announced in the 2012-2013 demand for grants. Books published during the year 2011 were received for the competition for 33 disciplines.
- Rs.100 crores was allotted to World Tamil Sangam.
- Funds will be allotted to purchase 2 Jeeps to the tune of Rs10,50,000/- for newly introduced Ariyalur and Tiruppur District Offices of the Tamil Development Assistant Directors. In the detailed demand of grants for 2012-2013 it was announced that 2 drivers post were created and filled up.

- Rs. 8,72,38,000/- was given as Annual Grant to the Tamil University; Rs.1,51,34,000/- was given as pay arrears on the recommendation of the VIth Pay Commission; Rs. 2,86,44,000/- was allocated for other schemes and Rs.12,00,000/- for development of Tamil through computer.
- Rs.12 crores was allocated to regain the individuality of the Tamil University in Thanjavur.
- Rs.3.23 crores sanctioned for the International Tamil Research Centre.
- Administrative building for international Tamil Research Centre - Rs.3.60 crores.
- For Financial assistance for students undergoing training in Tamil in Dravidian University, Kuppam, a sum of Rs. 3,67,350/- has been released.
- Rs. 5,00,000/- has been released for International Institute of Dravidian Linguistics, Thiruvananthapuram.
- For implementation of schemes for development of Tamil through computers in co-ordination with Tamil University, Rs.12 lakhs has been released for Tamil Virtual University.
- Thiruvalluvar Thirunal and Award giving function of Tamil Nadu Government was celebrated under the chairmanship of the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 15.1.2013 in the Lower camp, Theni District with the opening ceremony of the memorial for Colonel John Pennycuick. Thiruvalluvar award was given to Kalaimamani Dr. Na. Murugan (Seyon), Bharathiar award was given to Bharathi Kavalar K. Ramamurthy, Pavendar Bharathidasan award was given to Dr. So. Na. Kandasamy, Thiru Vi.Ka. award was given to Dr. Tmt. Prema Nandakumar and Ki.Aa.Pe. Viswanadan award was given to Dr. Naa. Rajagopalan (Malayaman)

- Floral tributes were paid to the statue of Thamizh Thatha U.Ve.Sa. on his birth anniversary (19.2.2013).

- The Hon'ble Chief Minister paid floral tributes to the statue of Avvaiyar on Chennai Kamarajar Salai on World Women's day (8.3.2013).

- Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu announced two new awards, the Kambar and Sollin Selvar awards, to hail the Chithirai Tamil new year of 2013. She presented Thamizh Thai award to Delhi Tamil Sangam, Kapilar award to Kavignar Muthulingam, U.Ve.Sa. award to Ma. Ve. Pasupathi, Kambar award to Dr. Bala Ramani and Sollin Selvar award to Dr. Ma. Loganayagi.

- Announcement was made that Rs.2 Crores will be allocated for the infrastructure of the Tamil University.

- 1,470 nationalised books to be uploaded in the net.

- Prize amount of Rs.30,000/- was given to each author of the best books published in the year 2011 and prize amount of Rs. 10,000/- was given to the publishers of the same. Prize amount of Rs. 10,000/- was given to 36 students who recited all the 1330 Kural couplets. Prizes were given to the 18 school and college students who succeeded in the state-level poetry, essay and elocution competitions. The first prize was Rs.15,000/- the second prize Rs.12,000/- and the third prize Rs.10,000/-. All these prizes were given on 25.4.2013 (the month of Chithirai).

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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF MINISTER'S COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEMES

Hon'ble Minister for Health
Thiru. **K.C. Veeramani**

Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme

✶ Treatment was given to 2.96 lakh persons at a cost of Rs.623.58 crores under "Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme" with 1,016 procedures, 23 diagnostic procedures and 113 identified procedures.

- Persons with annual income of Rs.72,000/- and below are eligible to avail the benefits of this scheme. Sri Lankan Refugees living in the refugees camps are also covered by this scheme.
- If a member of a family is a differently abled person, the family is eligible to avail the benefits of the scheme irrespective of the income ceiling. 817 Hospitals including 120 Government Hospitals have been empanelled.
- Insurance Cards were issued to 1,07,18,708 persons.
- 2,95,794 persons availed themselves of the treatment up to 31.3.2013 under this scheme to an amount of Rs.647.71 crores.

Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Benefit Scheme

- Rs. 12,000/- given under the scheme to Pregnant Women.
- Rs. 1,153.58 crores has been disbursed to 13.25 lakh pregnant women under this scheme.

Supply of Sanitary Napkins to Rural adolescent girls

- Under the scheme, Rs. 55 crores was allotted and Napkins were supplied to 41 lakh adolescent girls at no cost.

Multi - Super Speciality Hospital

- A multi super speciality Hospital is being established at Omandhurar Government Estate at a cost of Rs.27 crores on par with All India Institute of Medical Science, New Delhi. Medical equipment for Rs. 76 crores.

Hospital on wheels

- Orders have been issued for 385 Mobile Medical Units with all facilities to function as Hospital-on-Wheels. 285 vehicles were fabricated and put into service. Tenders were finalized for purchase of 100 new vehicles.Hospital on Wheels in 255 blocks at a cost of Rs.29.36 crores.

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- Life saving medical equipment in all District Headquarter Government Hospitals at a cost of Rs.55 crores.

Food Safety and Drug Control Administration

- Government has created a new Department called Food Safety and Drug Control Administration to look after the implementation of the food and drug related legislation at a cost of Rs.86.35 crores. To examine food samples, 6 Food Analysis Laboratories are functioning at Guindy (Chennai), Thanjavur, Madurai, Salem, Palayamkottai and Coimbatore.

Establishment of Medical Recruitment Board

- For the first time in the country, a separate Medical Services Recruitment Board has been established in the State exclusively for the Health Department to fill up vacancies in 10 important categories of Medical and Non-Medical posts in Government Hospitals.

135 Urban Health Centres

- To strengthen 60 Urban Primary Health Centres already sanctioned and to create 75 Urban Health Centres, a sum of Rs. 18.17 crores has been allotted. A sum of Rs. 1.7 crores has been sanctioned for purchase and supply of Medical Equipments to Urban Health Centres. These 135 Urban Health Centres have been brought under the administrative control of Director of Public Health and Preventive Medicine.

Establishment of Regional Cancer Centre

- A sum of Rs. 14.26 crores has been sanctioned for establishment of Regional Cancer Centre at Rajaji Hospital, Madurai (Rs. 3.02 crores for building, Rs. 10 crores for purchase of equipments and Rs.1.24 crores for additional man power).

✶ Similarly, a sum of Rs. 14.37 crores has been sanctioned for establishment of Regional Cancer Centre at Coimbatore Medical College Hospital, Coimbatore.

Creation of Tissue Bank

✶ Orders have been issued sanctioning a sum of Rs. 9.63 crores for creation of Tissue Bank and revival of vaccine production at King Institute of Preventive Medicine and Research at Guindy, Chennai.

Chennai Government Dental College Hospital as Centre of Excellence

✶ A new building at a cost of Rs. 13.66 crores was constructed and opened on 3.3.2012 for the Dental College Hospital, Chennai. Considering the welfare of the patients coming to this Dental College Hospital, Chennai, a sum of Rs. 10 crores has been sanctioned for construction of new additional building and purchase of equipment and to increase the number of students admitted in PG Courses from 35 to 58. Sufficient posts were created to upgrade the Hospital as a Centre of Excellence.

Supply of Laptop to Village Health Nurses

✶ Orders have been issued sanctioning a sum of Rs. 19.17 crores for supply of Laptop at no cost to 9,397 Village Health Nurses to enter the details of pregnant women, infant / delivered mother daily through online system under Dr. Muthulakshmi Reddy Maternity Scheme.

Appointment of Multi-purpose Hospital Workers

✶ Orders have been issued to integrate the posts of Sweepers and Hospital Workers as Multi-purpose Hospital Workers and appoint them through Employment Exchange on a consolidated pay fixed by the District Collectors concerned.

Creation of Corpus Fund

- A Corpus Fund of Rs.10 crores has been created for providing financial assistance of the Government for liver transplantation, renal transplantation including post transplant immuno-suppressant therapy bone marrow transplantation, cochlear implantation and stem cell transplantation whose cost exceeds the insurance cover of Rs.1.5 lakh under the Chief Minister's Comprehensive Health Insurance Scheme.
- Under the scheme, authorization has been issued to 67 beneficiaries for cochlear implantation, 22 beneficiaries for kidney transplantation, 11 beneficiaries for liver transplantation and one beneficiary each for stem cell transplantation and bone marrow transplantation.

New Medical College

- As per the policy of the Government of starting of one new medical college every year, a new Medical College has been started at Sivagangai with an annual intake of 100 students.
- Building for new Medical College at Tiruvannamalai at a cost of Rs.130.88 crores.

Increase of U.G and P.G Seats

- U.G. Seats of KMC College enhanced from 100 to 150.
- U.G. Seats of Chengalpattu Government Medical College enhanced from 50 to 100.

Upgradation of Annal Gandhi Memorial Government Hospital, Tiruchi

- It is proposed to establish a Super Speciality Hospital at a cost of Rs. 100 crores.
- An amount of Rs. 53.97 crores has been sanctioned in the first phase.
- Establishment of a Trauma Care Centre at a cost of Rs. 1.03 crores.

Modernization of operation theatres

- ✶ A sum of Rs. 20 crores has been sanctioned at the rate of Rs.4 crores each for modernising operation theatres in the Medical College Hospitals at Tirunelveli, Coimbatore, Thanjavur, Chengalpattu and Rajaji Hospital, Madurai.

M.R.I. Scan Equipment under Public – Private partnership

- ✶ Permission has been granted to TNMSC for installation of MRI Scan through Public – Private partnership at Medical College Hospitals at Kanniyakumari, Thoothukudi, Theni, Tiruvarur and Sivagangai.

Upgradation of Government Hospitals

- ✶ Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 4.5 crores for providing Operating Laproscopy to 27 District Headquarters Hospitals and they are being installed.
- ✶ A sum of Rs. 7 crores has been allocated for provision of C.T. Scan in 4 Government District Headquarters Hospitals.
- ✶ Government has sanctioned a sum of Rs. 1.30 crore for providing blood cell counter to 30 District Headquarters Hospitals.
- ✶ The expansion works of Srirangam Government Hospital at a cost of Rs. 3.92 crore are nearing completion.
- ✶ Orders have been issued for upgradation of Burn Ward at Sivakasi at a cost of Rs. 4.5 crores.
- ✶ Orders have been issued to upgrade Burns Centre in Kilpauk Medical College Hosptial as a Center of Excellence at a cost of Rs.5 crores.
- ✶ Upgradation of Government Hospitals at a cost of Rs.74.85 crores.

Upgradation of Primary Health Centres

- ✶ Totally 58 Primary Health Centres have been upgraded at Rs.53.82 crores.

- Orders have been issued to provide clinical health care to the patients of remote areas by providing specialist guidance from a tele medicine centre at selected Primary Health Centres, at a cost of Rs.5 crores.
- Orders have been issued for sanction of Rs.19.45 crores to establish Maternal Child Health centres in 42 Selected Primary Health Centres.
- Monthly financial assistance of Rs. 400/- is granted for persons affected by Grade IV Lymphatic Filaria.

Creation of new Primary Health Centres

- 47 Primary Health Centres have been established at a cost of Rs.28 crores.
- Sanction has been accorded for establishment of one new Primary Health Centre at Jayaramapuram, in Modakurichi Block of Erode District and one new Primary Health Centre at Vellimedupaetai in Olakur Block of Villupuram District.
- Under National Rural Health Mission, a sum of Rs. 19.31 crore has been sanctioned for the provision of infrastructure facilities at in-patient wards, out-patient wards, operation theatres, labour wards and minor works in Primary Health Centres.
- Public Health Laboratories have been established at a cost of Rs. 6.37 crores in 30 districts.
- 3 new Primary Health Centres at a cost of Rs.1.14 crores in Srirangam Constituency.
- 2,176 watchmen sanctioned on outsourcing basis for the safety of hospitals at a cost of Rs.21 crores.
- Through the Emergency Ambulance Services, 6.40 lakh persons including 1.6 lakh mothers and 15,420 infants benefited.

Dental Medicine

- Dental Medical Services have been started in 125 Hospitals which include 118 Primary Health Centres and 7 Government Hospitals.

Indian medicine

- ✶ The Monthly pension of the registered and hereditary Siddha, Ayurveda, Homeopathy and Unani physicians aged over 60 years and registered has been enhanced to Rs.1,000/.
- ✶ Orders have been issued to provide infrastructure facilities in Palayamkottai Siddha Medical College at a cost of Rs.5 crores.
- ✶ Orders have been issued to provide infrastructure facilities in Kanniyakumari Ayurvedic Medical College at a cost of Rs.5 crores.

108 Emergency Ambulance Scheme

- ✶ 606 vehicles are functioning under this scheme; 5,71,406 persons have benefited.
- ✶ To reduce the Infant Mortality rate, Infant Emergency Service has been started.
- ✶ At present, 20 Emergency Ambulances are under operation in Hilly Areas.

Welfare of HIV / AIDS affected farmers

- ✶ 2,663 people living with HIV / AIDS (both men and women) have benefited under Uzhavar Padhukappu Thittam introduced in 2012 – 2013.

Schemes for 2013-2014

- ✶ Budget allocation made for Rs.6,511.76 crores, an increase of 67%.
- ✶ Regional cancer treatment centres at a cost of Rs.30 crores in Thanjavur and Tirunelveli Medical College Hospitals.
- ✶ Allocation of Rs.169.13 crores for the department of Indian Medicine.

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